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Imran greets verdict with 'I am overjoyed'

£400,000 libel costs for Lamb and Botham

By TIM JONES

IAN BOTHAM and Allan Lamb were last night facing a bill of up to £400,000 after losing their libel case against the former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan.

The two former England stars were "astonished" by the jury's verdict on their claim that Imran called them cheats and racists. But both insisted that they had no regrets in bringing the case. "How can one regret it? I fought for my

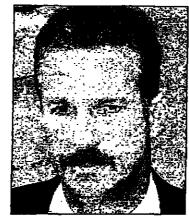
dignity and honesty." Botham said. Imran, who said he would have been bankrupted had he lost the case, described the 13-day trial as a nightmare and a complete exercise of futility. "I feel very sorry for Ian Botham, * he added.

The jury's majority verdict, after four-and-a-half hours of deliberation, came at the end of a trial that had seen a host of cricket stars and pundits dissecting the vexed question of ball-tampering. Botham had claimed that Imran had accused him of cheating in an article in The Sun by suggesting that he interfered with the ball - something Botham

said he had never done. Botham and Lamb also sued over an article in India Today, in which they claimed Imran called them racists and attributed their strong line on ball-tampering to their lack of education, class and upbringing.

Imran, who denied libel, said he was misquoted and was trying only to defend himself after admitting that he had used a bottletop to scratch the ball during a county

match 15 years ago. When the jury brought in its verdict, Botham stared in disbelieve and cast a stony glance at Imran before looking quickly away. Imran whiped his face and grasped the wife of his pregnant wife, Jemima, who said: "We've done it!" Afterwards, Imram said: "I am over-



joyed. I thank the Almighty that what I have been saying for two years has been vindicated. I have never called anyone a racist, an underclass or a cheat.

"I am also happy that the Pakistani cricketers have ben vindicated because they have been called cheats throughout and I have written to the ICC (the International Cricket Council) to clear up the issue." He hoped that the council would now deal with what he described as "this awful issue of

But Botham said he was confused by the verdict. Imran had withdrawn his claims of justification and had to admit he (Botham) was not a cheat. That is why I found it confusing and many other people will find it confusing as well. But life goes on." Lamb also said that he was astonished, but added: "The jury has got to make its decision and you have to accept that. I don't think there are any implications to my

Some legal sources were estimat-

ing that the trial will have run up costs of about £500,000, most of which will have to be borne by Botham and Lamb - although Imran will have to pay something. Botham said yesterday that the

bill was the least of his worries - he would just have to take part in more "Beefy and Lamby" roadshows where the pair tour cricket clubs to entertain paying guests. His assets include a five-bedroom farmhouse in north Yorkshire and a cottage in Alderney. He is understood to have signed a contract with the Daily Mirror to tell his story.

Lamb is in the middle of a testimonial year with Northamptonshire, which could well give him £300.000. He also has a book coming out soon which will again air the ball-tampering issue.

Imran, whose father-in-law is the millionaire businessman Sir James Goldsmith, said last night that he would have been penniless had he lost the case. "Most of the money I had made from cricket I gave to the cancer hospital. The rest would have gone today. I would have been bankrupt."

He now wanted to return to Pakistan and work for his political group, the Justice Party. The case had been a complete exercise of futility. I mean a ridiculous situation to be involved in when I have something much more important in

Pakistan. He said he had written to both Lamb and Botham saying there had been a misunderranding and he had offered to write an open letter saying that he did not call them cheats or racists. But I could not let them make me apologise for something I hadn't said. I would rather die than apologise for something I didn't do.'

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Imran Khan with his wife Jemima after his victory. But he may still have to pay £300,000 costs

Howard ready to overrule **Tories on** gun ban

By PHILLIP WEBSTER AND RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL HOWARD is expected to override Conservative MPs' objections and ban private ownership of handguns if the Dunblane massacre inquiry says he should.

The Home Secretary has let it be known that he will bring forward a Bill to implement new gun controls should Lord Cullen — as seems inevitable put forward proposals that require legislation. The Government expects his report in late September.

Other ministers also distanced themselves from the Commons Home Affairs Committee decision that a handgun ban would be impractical. while Labour MPs and the Dunblane families accused the six Conservatives on the committee of being scared of

ian Taylor, a spokesman for the families, said: "Who on earth do these Tories think they are? These MPs are prepared to stand in the way of a safer Britain just to help out their friends who enjoy shooting. It is sick."

And Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said: "The select committee would have been better drawing their con-Cullen report."

Although would face a Commons revolt among Conservative MPs, any move to impose a ban would be certain to be carried with Labour support. There would be exceptions to cover humane killing by farmers and vets, and safeguards for sportsmen. Ammunition would be allowed only on shooting ranges and guns would have to be disabled before being taken away.

The Dunblane killer, Thomas Hamilton, held his guns legally and MPs believe that even if Lord Cullen does not go Continued on page 2, col 3

Britain's teenage sailor has to settle for silver

FROM EDWARD GORMAN AND JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

AINSLIE, Britain's youngest-ever Olympic yachtsman, saw his hopes of a gold medal in the Laser class dashed yesterday as both he and his rival. Robert Scheidt of Brazil, were disqualified from the last race after Scheidt lured him early over the However, Ainslie, 19, se-

cured the silver after an ago-nising wait to see if Peer Moberg of Norway, who was lying in third place overall, could snatch it from him by winning the race.

Tim Henman, the British hero at Wimbledon, and his partner Neil Broad are also assured of at least a silver



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medal after reaching the finals of the men's tennis doubles. The pair defeated David Prinosil and Mark-Kevin Goellner of Germany 6-4, 3-6. 10-8 in the semi-final.



mile event. Sciandri was edged out by Pascal Richard of In another British success Switzerland, the winner, and Rolf Sorenson of Denmark. Kevin Hickey the technical officer of the British Olympic Association added to the controversy over the poor perfor-

we are a mediocrity." In athletics, Sonia O'Sullivan, Ireland's hope for a 1500-metre gold medal failed to qualify for the final because of diarrhoea.On a bleak day for the Irish, Marie McMahon who finished 14th in a heat of the 5000 metres in 15mins:59.12secs was revealed page - we apologise for any inconvenience" to have failed a drugs test.

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yesterday. Max Sciandri fin-ished third in the men's cy-

cling road race. In a three-way

sprint at the end of the 139-

mances overall by the British

team, saying: "We can get out

all the excuses you like and

throw in all the bad luck, but

Killer jailed

A family celebrated the end of an 18-year campaign for jus-tice last night as a teenager's killer was jailed for life. Michael Brookes was convict-ed by an Old Bailey jury of the stabbing of Lynn Siddons. Brookes, 51, had blamed his stepson for the killing in

Lottery criticism

Virginia Bottomley tried to head off fresh demands for the resignation of Peter Da-vis. the National Lottery regulator, after a Commons committee criticised him for taking free flights in America on the corporate aircraft of a firm that has a big stake in . Page 8

£80m windfall

Fifty former British Rail managers and staff were yesterday celebrating an £80 million profit from selling Porterbrook, a train leasing company they acquired six months ago, to Stagecoach, the bus operator. Porterbrook leases out about a quarter of British Rail's former fleet of

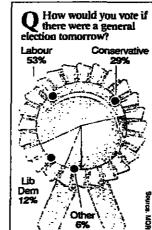
Shadow Cabinet furore hits Blair

By PETER RIDDELL

TONY BLAIR'S personal approval rating has fallen to its lowest level since he was elected Labour leader two years ago, with a particularly sharp drop among his own party supporters, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times. This follows the row over the Shadow Cabinet elections and Mr Blair's handling of the subsequent reshuffle and demotion of Clare Short. The poll, undertaken be-

tween the middle of last week and Sunday, confirms that Labour retains its commanding overall lead as the Tories have lost half the big gain they achieved during June. Mr Blair's approval rating

- measuring those satisfied and less dissatisfied with his performance -- stands at plus Il points, compared with plus 19 a month ago. His rating has fallen even more sharply among Labour supporters, from plus 57 to plus 44. This probably reflects concern



about his assertive leadership style and his treatment of Labour party critics. His approval rating also fell

year ago when there was criticism of him by left-wing Continued on page 2, col 5

Lily the stink loses its 33-year reputation by a nose

By JANE MACQUITTY WINE CURRESPONDENT

THE stinking lily of Kew Gardens finally came into flower yesterday, and proved a red herring. Its allegedly awful fishy smell was noticeable only by its almost complete absence. The titan arum, which last flowered at Kew 33 years ago, is supposed to

or decaying human flesh so overpow-ering that in its native Indonesia it is

known as the "corpse flower". Yesterday, though, the overwhelming smell in the Princess of Wales whiff of the plant.

Conservatory was of a sweaty public queueing on a hot July afternoon for a Attendances at the Royal Botanic to see the giant waterlily. Instead

have a nauseating stench of rotting fish

normal expectations by Tuesday, and yesterday afternoon a queue stretched more than 70 yards. The titan arum displayed similar plant power in crowd-pulling when it last flowered in Kew in 1889, 1926 and 1963.

Once inside the conservatory no one was turning left as usually required

Gardens had already trebled over

everyone was making a bee-line for the titan arum whose Latin name, amorphophallus titanum, gives a clue to its most striking attribute.
With the 4ft-high primrose-yellow spadix rearing upward from the inflorescence's centre, the titan arum is assuredly no shrinking violet. But in the smell department it proved a non-

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Weapon ban rebels feel full force of public fury

POLITICAL REPORTER

POLITICIANS from all sides were yesterday trying to puzzle out why six backbench Tory MPs had defied public opinion and refused to back a ban on handguns.

The six, who sit on the Home Affairs Select Committee, were vilified yesterday for blocking the ban in the face of pressure for action after the Dunblane massacre. They were accused of being "sick, unacceptable and disgusting".

Teachers complained and the father of a child killed by Thomas Hamilton said: "I hope they can live with themselves. They are living in a cocoon.

Some Tories were horrified that their colleagues were making the party look soft on crime. They had little sympa-thy for the MPs. None of the - Sir Ivan Lawrence, David Ashby, Walter Sweeney, John Greenway, Dame Jill Knight and Warren Hawksley -- are natural

David Mellor, the former Home Office Minister, said their decision had been profoundly damaging. "They are mistaken, and I think there is a serious danger now of the Conservative Party at all levels losing the plot on this very serious matter." Although some traditionalist or libertarian Tories backed their stance. none was prepared to say so publicly yesterday.

The backbenchers had no political pressure on them. Ever since Tony Blair and John Major visited Dunblane together, the massacre is meant to have been a nonpartisan issue. But select committees are also expected to reach a consensus - and the six Tories used their majority to overrule five Labour MPs

who supported a ban.

The parents of the 16 children killed in the massacre have all demanded a ban. 725,000 people have signed a petition for one, and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is known to be pressurising Cabinet colleagues to make space for a









Bill this autumn to ban hand-

Four of the six Tories were on holiday or "staying with friends" and unavailable yesterday. Mr Greenway said that once the Tory MPs had looked at the issue dispassionately they realised a ban would be impractical. He accused his Labour colleagues of leaking the committee's

For three months police

believe it would be tricky to ban guns. After all they are one of the oldest sports at the Olympics and some people do need to own one. Also there are so many illegal guns around from places like the Eastern bloc that a madman could easily get hold of one if he wanted anyway," he said.

The Labour members of the committee are furious but are not allowed to comment until the report is published later this month. One claimed: "The Tories were almost drooling over the gun lobby, none of them asked any diffi-

In a heated meeting last Wednesday, just before the report was finalised, the Labour MPs thought they could swing one or two of the Tories. There was blood on the floor over this. But it became increasingly clear that they had made some sort of a pact with each other to stick together," said a Labour MP. Labour are now going to

publish their own minority report. The committee is so divided I don't know how we are going to meet up in October without coming to blows," one said.

Alun Michael, Labour home affairs spokesman, said yesterday: "I have no idea what was going on in the Tories minds but it is bizarre that they all came to the same conclusion — the gun lobby must be congratulating

Meanwhile, the shooting lobby is fighting a defensive battle to focus attention on the individual seeking to use a gun rather than the weapon itself. Two major lobbying campaigns are mobilising support in preparation for the publication of Lord Cullen's report in the next few weeks and to influence MPs for legislation expected in the next session of Parliament.

Association of Shooting and Conservation, British Field The British Shooting Sports Council, which represents the UK's 900,000 shooters, has Pistol Association and the been discreetly lobbying MPs and the media during the last

Magnus Linklater, page 16



Sir David Attenborough peers into the titan arum flower, the world's largest

Lily the stink loses by a nose

Continued from page 1 inhale its noxious odours were able to detect anything.

I submitted the plant to a complete organoleptic analysis at close quarters, being permitted to put my head into the ruff formed by the creamy lime-green spathe. I detected faint scents, in waves, of fresh fish and an undertone of decaying meat. The smell was strongest just inside the bloodred rim of the spathe, when my nose was between the spathe and the phallic spadix: Geoff Kite, researcher in

plant chemistry at Kew, con-

Blair

MPs. It then recovered quick-

overall public rating remains

more favourable than that of

The voting-intention figures

confirm Labour's strong over-

all position with at most nine

months to go before the next election. Labour is now on 53

per cent, up one since late June. The Tories slipped two

points during July to 29 per cent. This follows their four-

point jump during June to 31

per cent, when there was

much talk about the "feel-

good" factor and the impact of

England's early success in the

Euro 96 football champion-

ship. The Liberal Democrats

There are signs of a gradual improvement in the Tory pos-

ition, but it is very slow, and

the party will have to achieve

an unprecdented recovery if it

MORI interviewed 1,928

adults at 149 ward sampling

points between July 23 and 28.

Voting intention figures ex-

clude those who say they

would not vote (9 per cent), are

undecided (7 per cent) or who

refused to say (3 per cent).

remain on 12 per cent.

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aroma collectors with absorbers to capture the scents for analysis in a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, he has so far isolated two compounds, dimethyl disulphide and dimethyl trisulphide. Both chemicals are found in the putrescent stinkhorn fungus and the voodoo lily.

He confirmed the arum releases its odours in pulsing waves, the spadix heating up as white female flowers and pink male flowers become ready for pollination. Derek Lewis, of Kew's press

office, said: For four days

says the male flowers only open on the second night, so the eagerly awaited pong may be more noticeable today. In its native Sumatran rain forest, the flowers should be pollinated by beetles and sweat bees.

when is it going to open. Now

they are asking, when is it

going to smell?" There is still

hope. David Attenborough

Yesterday Kew's specimen had attracted granny garden-ers, eager children and keen horticulturists in droves - but from the insect world only a single small flying ant.

Clinton praises loyalist ceasefire

By Tom Rhodes AND NICHOLAS WATT

LOYALIST paramilitaries were praised by President Clinton yesterday for maintaining their 22-month ceasefire in the face of renewed IRA terrorism. In a statement on Northern Ireland, he called on the IRA to

end its campaign of violence. He also urged nationalists and loyalists to treat each other with "dignity and respect" during the rest of the marching season.

Mr Clinton has been under increasing pressure from nationalist supporters in Congress to press Whitehall to organise meetings with Sinn Fein. The Administration has remained resolutely behind both London and Dublin in its requirement that the IRA must decommission before joining talks.

Mr Clinton's call came as

John Major and John Bruton. spoke over the telephone about the next contentious loyalist parade, due in Londonderry on August 10.
The two leaders expressed

their hope that nationalists and loyalists in the city would reach a local accommodation Street spokesman described the 20-minute conversation as entirely friendly".

The conversation was seen as an attempt by the two to mend fences after Mr Bruton launched a scathing attack on the Government last month over the Orange march through Drumcree.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced yesterday that Dr Peter North. QC. the vice chancellor of Oxford University, would chair the independent review which would examine contentious parades. The Government set up the review after the widespread disturbances throughout Northern Ireland last month after the stand-off at Drumcree.

Dr North, 59, said yesterday that he faced an important task. He will begin his work

* THE MAIN OPTIONS FOR CHANGE!

The struggle to tighten gun controls revolves around two key points: whether to impose a ban on possession of handguns or to introduce tougher restrictions on the issuing of licences for firearms. The options under discussion are:

private ownership of ha s: About 5/.000 people hold firearms certificates for 200,000 handguns. The Dunblane parents, Labour Party, Gun Control Network and some Chief Constables support total prohibition. The six Conservative members of the Home Affairs Select Committee, British Shooting Sports Council and Police Superintendents' Association oppose. Ban on handguns other than those chambered for .22

calibre or lower: Would not affect British shooters' ability to take part in international sporting competitions. Backed by Dunblane parents, Labour Party, Gun Control Network and Chief Constables. Opposed by British Shooting Sports Council, umbrella organisation for 900,000 shooters. This option would remove from circulation about 90 per cent of handguns currently held legally. Tighter controls over issue of firearms certificates:

Obtaining information about applicant's medical history. Supported by the Chief Constables, shooting lobby, Home Affairs Select Committee. British Medical Association opposes: doctors would have to make judgments about a person's fitness to have guns. Referees rather than counter-signatories on application for

licence: Backed by Chief Constables, Home Affairs Select Committee, Labour Party, shooting lobby and Police Superintendents' Association and Firearms Consultative Council, government's firearms watchdog. Sale of guns and ammunition to be restricted: This would

ban the advertising of guns and ammunition on a mail order basis. Supported by Labour, Gun Control Network, Dunblane parents. Opposed by shooting lobby. Ban on deactivated and replica weapons: Backed by Labour and Gun Control Network, but opposed by shooting lobby. No evidence that properly deactivated weapons have ever

come under no pressure from Handgun ban

as far as a total ban there will be vastly tighter controls. An thing that Lord Cullen recommends will carry huge weight. It will be very hard for us, having asked him to do the inquiry, to turn down any-

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officers, victims' parents and

firearms instructors gave ex-

tensive evidence to the com-

Sports Association, National

Muzzle Loaders Association

all made representations for

the 250,000 legal owners of

Mr Hawksley said he had

The British

mittee.

thing he suggests." A consensus has emerged on plans to take 90 per cent of the 200,000 handguns out of circulation, with chief constables and the Labour Party saying that guns should be used only for legal sport and that all pistols above .22 calibre be prohibited.

The row over the select committee's decision is a big embarrassment to ministers, and the thought of having to rely on Labour MPs to enforce law and order measure fills them with dread.

But yesterday John Greenway, one of the six Tories, defended the decision, saying on BBC Radio 4's Today: "We took the view that it is not legally-held firearms that cause the problem in this country. It is the way that firearms certificates are issued where the law needs to be strengthened.
"While we entirely under-

stood why people might want

to ban handguns in the light of Dunblane, you have got to sit down and look dispassionatewhat the effect would be, and would it in all honesty prevent that kind of incident happening again in the future? We came to the balanced view that it would not."

The five Labour members on the committee are planning a minority report calling for a ban, and the party's home affairs spokesman, Alun Michael, said yesterday that the Tory MPs "must have taken leave of their senses".

The former Home Office minister David Mellor was also disappointed in his Tory colleagues. "I think they are mistaken, and I think there is a serious danger now of the Conservative Party at all levels losing the plot on this very serious matter," he said. "There is no doubt the

public wants a ban on handeuns. What we are trying to take out are the heavy calibre handguns, the sort of Clint Eastwood type guns, which are an American accretion on our way of life.

If we want to import the American way of life, we've got to come to terms with the American way of death."

You could win with Labour, Blair tells Olympic squad ly, so the latest drop in his rating could also be tempo-

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR promised that a Labour Government would go for gold yesterday after listening to a catalogue of com-plaints from top sportsman by satellite link to Atlanta. He spoke as Britain looked likely to record its worst performance at an Olympics in more

than 40 years. Mr Blair said he would be setting up an urgent review to assist Britain's future Olympic hopefuls, promised to make sport a major national priority, and said that Britain under Labour could bring home the medals from the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur and the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

The Tories - who benefited in the polls from the English football team's success in Euro 96 - immediately accused Mr Blair of "cynical opportunism". They are worried that Britain's poor performance in Atlanta will weaken any new "feel-good" factor.

Addressing athletes from the British Olympic Associ-ation HQ in Wandsworth,

south London, the Labour leader said: "Sport is a national asset and an investment for the whole country." Mr Major was asked if he would like to take part in the link-up but declined. Mr Blair was told by Dick

Palmer, the BOA chairman who is due to meet Mr Major next week, that sport was "muddling through due to too few resources - we need at our disposal people like physiologists, scientists and nutritionists to be able to properly prepare and compete." Matthew Pinsent, the gold-medallist oarsman, told the Labour leader it was a "dis-grace" for the Olympic team to be sponsored only by private companies.

Mr Blair refused to pledge more money, but said: "I think we have got to decide from now on that as a country we are going to treat this as a major national priority. When we do well as a country, the whole country benefits, business benefits, the whole area of national life is opened up in a way that I think isn't often appreciated." Virginia Bottomley has

stayed away from the Olympics, but Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow secretary for National Heritage, who is in Atlanta, said: "Britain used to be at the forefront of sporting prowess and achievement. The talent and desire has been undermined through 17 years of neglect." Derek Casey, chief executive

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of the Sports Council, said: "We wholeheartedly agree with the comments coming out of Atlanta. The Sports Council believes that competitors representing their country should not suffer financially and are determined to provide them with a new start."

The Conservatives said that more money would soon be available from the Lottery Sports Fund, which currently received £300 million a year. and was already dramatically improving sports facilities.

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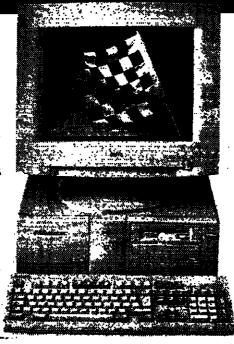
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I have finally got justice, says grandmother who refused to let murderer live in peace

Victim's family see killer jailed ifter 18-year fight

AMILY celebrated the end on 18-year campaign for jice last night as a teen-a's killer was jailed for life. Mael Brookes showed no etion as an Old Bailey jury cricted him of the frenzied sibing of Lynn Siddons. rookes, 51, blamed his sson for the killing in 1978

a served as a principal piecution witness when the b was tried and cleared the see year. From then on, the girl's grandmother fight to put the right man in tldock, amid allegations of pce errors and four refusals b the Director of Public Precutions.

ast night Florence Siddis. 81. who carried on wking past retirement as a ciner to raise funds for the capaign, was planning to on a bottle of champagne s: had kept for years for this mment. She said: "I feel so hopy that I have finally got juice. It's made all my efforts withwhile. I felt so relieved wen the jury came back with thir verdica.

The jury was not told how th campaign had reached a pevious high point in 1991. In a unprecedented ruling over arivil action brought by the fanily, Mr Justice Rougier hd named Brookes as the kler and awarded damages aginst him of El0,641.

Lynn Siddons was a pretty. otgoing girl raised by her gandmother in Sinfih, Derb. At the time of the murder, sle had been due to start work ar a packer at Derby Comerative Society, her first job ater leaving school. Instead. sle was stabbed 43 times and aphyxiated after being lured to the banks of the Trent and

Mersey Canal When she failed to return home, police assumed she must be with a boyfriend, but the Siddons family mounted their own search, speaking family who lived nearby, scouring woods and hedgerows and broadcasting an appeal for information at a Derby County football match. Six days after the murder, the body was found in bushes by three boys looking for a stick

to throw for their dog. Within 48 hours, Brookes's timid stepson, Fitzroy, then 15, was arrested and charged. At first he confessed to killing his

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Lynn Siddons with her grandmother, Florence

near-neighbour, but then claimed that his bullying stepfather instigated the killing and dealt the fatal blows before strangling her. The boy was acquitted by a jury in Nottingham after deliberations lasting 20 minutes. He said that his stepfather had a knife fixation, regularly stabbed pictures of women in men's magazines, and had threatened to murder his mother unless he lured Lynn

into the woods. Mrs Siddons and her daughter, Gail Halford - who had Lynn at 16 — organised poster campaigns, marches to the local police station and a personal campaign against Brookes, who moved house to Peterborough and took on a different name to try to flee their attentions.

Attempts were made to have him charged, but the DPP refused to order a trial, on the grounds that Fitzroy was an accomplice and therefore potentially an unreliable witness, that Brookes's wife, Dot, could not be forced to give evidence against him and that other evidence was largely



Michael Brookes: he put blame on timid stepson

hearsay. Derbyshire police, who lost clothing and a knife found buried in the garden of his former home, accepted criticism of the way they handled the case.

At times the family went beyond the law. In 1981, Lynn's aunt, Cynthia Smith, drove her car at Brookes and his wife in the street. She was convicted of reckless driving The family kept the case in

the headlines by lodging a claim for criminal compensation, which brought an offer of £27 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. In 1984, Mrs Siddons lodged a complaint against Derbyshire police about their handling of the case, securing a investigation by the Merseyside Constabulary. This produced a two-part report recommending that an outside force should start a fresh murder enquiry, but Derbyshire refused to accept it.

The family wrote to newspapers and MPs, advertised for information and collected a petition with 6,000 signatures calling for the case to be reopened. Funds were partly raised by sponsored walks and bring-and-buy sales. Mrs Siddons called Brookes a murderer to his face in the street and at other times simply sat outside his house.

The campaign brought formade statements after the civil case, alleging that Brookes had confided his involvement in the murder in a pub during his stepson's trial. After the High Court hearing, John Newing, Chief Constable of Derbyshire, said it did not reflect well on the investigation, which he admitted had been flawed.

He accepted that Michael Brookes, who was interviewed



but released, should have been on the original charge sheet with his stepson. Police sources accept that they were too quickly convinced that Fitzrov Brookes was the sole perpetrator. Scene-of-crime searches were said not to have been as thorough as they

Brookes was charged with murder in 1992. It took a further four years of legal argument - which went as far as the House of Lords before he was brought to trial. A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday: " The CPS realised from the start of this prosecution in 1992 that a number of legal and evidential chal-

lenges would have to be met.

This has proved to be the case. Over the last four years, the CPS has kept the evidence under continuous review and has been satisfied that there was sufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction and it was in the public interest to proceed."

"I would like to pay tribute to Lynn's family. Her grandmother's courage and commitment have been remarkable. Without her it is unlikely this matter would have been brought before an Old Bailey jury. Justice has finally been done. The tragedy is that nothing is going to bring Lynn back."

Lawyers for Brookes said that they would appeal.

THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE

April 3, 1978: Lynn Siddons stabbed and asphyxiated beside the Trent and Mersey Canal in Derbyshire. April 9: Body found by boys looking for a stick to throw for

November 9: Fitzrov Brookes cleared by a jury of her murder. November 10: Lynn's grandmother, Florence Siddons, pledges to find her killer.

police's handling of the murder inquiry, which is investigated by the Merseyside force.

June 1985: Derbyshire rejects Merseyside's recommendation for a fresh investigation by an outside force. November 1989: High Court rules that family's civil action for damages cannot proceed because it is outside legal time limit. November 26, 1990: Court of Appeal rules that the action can

tember 30, 1991: Mr Justice Rougier rules in the damages claim that Michael Brookes killed Lynn. December 11: The judge awards £10,000 damages against

September 26, 1995: Brookes is committed for trial. June 21, 1996: His trial for murder begins at the Old Bailey.

Tabloids cleared of contempt in Knights coverage

LEGAL CORRRESPONDENT

FIVE tabloid newspapers were cleared yesterday of prej-udicing the trial of Geoffrey Knights, boyiriend of the East-Enders actress Gillian Taylforth, in a test case which has serious repercussions for the law of contempt.

Mr Knights's trial for assault was halted by the judge last year after reports in the Daily Mail, the Daily Mirror, The Sun, the Daily Star and Today. The newspapers had commented on his violent past, including assaults on Taylforth, who plays Kathy Mitchell in the

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television soap opera. Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Smedley found that the stories were not prejudicial because Knights had been in the public eye for at least two years, with regular articles about his past including an assault on a policeman and another on a business partner. Lord Justice Schiemann

said that, despite some exaggeration in the coverage of the injuries inflicted by Mr Knights, "it is difficult to see how any one of the publications in April and May of 1995 created any greater risk of serious prejudice than that which had already been

The Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, is expected to seek leave to challenge the decision in the House of Lords after being refused leave to appeal. Philip Havers, his counsel, said it set a dangerous precedent. Sir Nicholas brought the proceedings in a move to seek a clear definition of the increasingly blurred boundaries of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

The judges ruled that in no individual case could a newspaper be found guilty of breaching the contempt laws. However, there can be prejudicial collective coverage, but the case highlighted the inadequacy of the law to tackle it.

Nicholas has come under fire for not taking a robust enough line against ewspapers and has faced judicial review proceedings for failure to act over press coverage. At the same time there has been increasing tension between the media's wish to publish and the law of contempt.

The proceedings against Mr Knight, who was charged with assaulting Miss Taylforth's driver, Martin Davies, as he helped her to move out of their home, cannot be reinstituted.

Clive Anderson takes chat from Channel 4 to the BBC

By CAROL MIDGLEY CLIVE ANDERSON has de-

fected from Channel 4 to BBCI

to present a new chat show hailed as a "major coup" in the corporation's El62 million autumn ratings battle with ITV. Hat Trick Productions has sold his show, which ran for five years on Channel 4 as Clive Anderson Talks Back, to the BBC for a reported £500,000. The new version, Clive Anderson All Talk, is likely to run on Sunday evenings from October directly after the BBCI's new £8 million drama Rhodes and its adaption of Anne Bronte's The

Tenant of Wildfell Hall. **PLUS** Alan Yentob, the Controller of BBCI, said that Anderson's Full page colour new format would retain guide to Roman many of the original features from his Channel 4 show but sites in would have more surprises. "I think it's a coup for us because

he is a great talent, I have always been a big fan of his and this is the kind of show he should be doing for the BBC, for a mass audience."

Anderson, who attended yesterday's launch, insisted there had been no ill feeling with Channel 4. He remains with the station in a new series of Whose Line Is It Anyway? and it is negotiating with him over other projects. He said: "I hope they are not upset. It's not as though I have

just done a show, been discovered then said. Thanks very much I'm running.'" A Channel 4 spokesman said: "There is no bitterness, but it is difficult to see

how the show can be much

improved on." Anderson's move to the BBC follows Channel 4's decision to drop Gaby Roslin's weekly chat show after bad reviews. Anderson said: "People have

been saying that the chat show is a dead form, but I do what I do and, if people want to watch, that's great."

BBCl is relying on the eightpart Rhodes to lead its autumn schedule, which features 85 hours of new drama and 24 fresh comedy and variety shows. ITV has also placed heavy emphasis on drama in its schedules, with productions of Jane Austen's Emma and Daniel Defoe's Moll Flanders.

□ A record number of people tuned in for Linford Christie's ill-fated attempt to retain his Olympic gold medal in the 100 metres final on Sunday morning, the BBC said. The 5.6 million viewers beat

the previous highest for an early-morning broadcast: 4.2 million for Children in Need in 1992. Despite Christie's disqualification, three million were still watching at 2am.

Pigs fly home to save their bacon

By NICHOLAS WATT

A GROUP of little piggies went to market yesterday to compete against each other in a 100-metre hurdle race. Hoggwash - named after the Agriculture Minister

Desert Porkid, Richard **Dunpiggy and Lester Piggitt** were among those competing over five 12in hurdles at the Clogher Valley Agricultural Show in rural Co Tyrone. Before the start of each race,

the piglets, all less than eight weeks old, squealed as stewards ushered them into little cages. As they set off the theme tune from Rocky blared out of loudspeakers.

Lester Piggitt won the first race to the delight of punters who had hoped it would emulate its namesake. But there was an even greater cheer when Mary Porkers, the porcine version of Ulster's most distinguished Olympian, sailed past Linford Christie Bacon to take the fifth

race. Walter Shortt, who organised the race, said: "The pigs really enjoyed themselves - they like getting out for a bit of sun." The race organisers tried to ensure that the piglets were

comfortable after protests from animal welfare groups. Electric fans cooled down them and an inspector from the Ulster Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Anipals monitored the races. Mr Shortt, who normally sells farm feed, trained the

pigs for two days before the races. Asked the inevitable question, he said: "I really think pigs can fly. They were up in the air." At the end of the races, the

man from the Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum, which funded the race, made clear why the piglets had been put through their paces. Robert Overend, the forum's chairman, told the crowd: "These really are top-

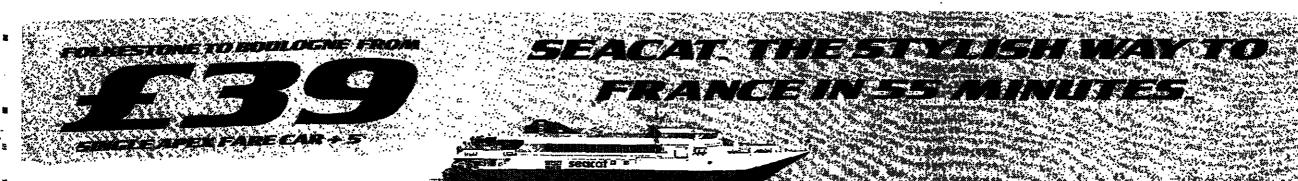


Streaking ahead: one of the piglets leads the field

class, healthy pigs. So when you are next sitting down to Sunday lunch, I want you to think of eating pork and

Richard Dunpiggy won the final of the competition last night. The piglets' biggest prize was a reprieve - for the time being, at least. Mr Shortt said that they would be used for breeding.

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STILL THE FASTEST WAY TO FRANCE

Carman scores at cricket after last year's soccer own goal

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, crowned his reputation as king of libel yesterday when he pulled off victory for Imran Khan in true master-fixer style. Lawyers had betted on a win for Botham and a loss for Mr Carman's client, a view that hardened after the ninth day of the case when Imran withdrew his balltampering allegation and

apologised to the court. "Usually when that happens."

you are on the run." But true to form, silver-tongued Mr Carman defied the odds and secured a win which was as much wanted by

himself as his client. Had he lost, his reputation might have looked just a touch dented. Though rarely on the losing side, it was only last summer that he was offered a taste of defeat at the hands of Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC. who defended Graham Souness in his libel action against The People. That was last in people's minds,

Elton John, Richard Branson, Jason Connery and Ken Dodd - to name a few. So the battle in court was just as much a contest between the top libel silks on each side — "Georgeous" George, as he is known, and the smooth and brilliant Charles Gray - as between the

Andrew Stephenson, of Peter Carter Ruck & Partners, said the jury verdict confirmed Mr Carman's standing at the libel bar.

despite securing before that an "Carman's presence before a jury unrivalled list of triumphs, for and his skills as an advocate were never really in doubt and this verdict has underlined it."

Cross-examination and putting over a point to the jury in a simple. down-to-earth way, are his particular skills. But early on in the trial, it seemed as though Botham had outbowled him when he fielded Mr Carman's questions with wit and

Mr Carman used his favoured tactic however of effectively exploiting every weakness in his opponent's case - with Botham, all aspects of his past life including sex and drugs. Why, he asked Botham. had the cricketer not sued over allegations in the past in the News of the World? The paper, Botham said, was "at the end of the day only

the News of the World". Mr Carman challenged him further, insisting that the paper had a higher circulation than India Today, in which Botham alleged Imranhad libelled him. Not in India, Botham replied.

But last night Mr Carman's

had clearly paid off. His costs v have totalled £500,000, even thou Imran will not recover the consid able part of the costs - perhapt third - associated with the wi drawn allegation of tumpering w the ball. Yesterday Imran said the

the costs would bankrupted h bankrupt if he had lost. Mr Carman's chambers had brief champagne celebration a then he went home. "It has been exhausting two weeks," one of

clerks commented.

Defeated pair face another tour

Courtroom conflict that neither side thought of losing

IT SAYS much about the intractable natures of Imran Khan, Ian Botham and Allan Lamb that none of them began their High Court contretemps in a position which they could afford to lose. They had never contemplated defeat on the cricket field and they did not countenance it now. Only this time the man of the on speaking terms with Majid match award had different Khan, who was also a great implications.

A fellow fast bowler once memorably declared that Imran was more interested in money than cricket - and more keen on women than either — but the reality for Botham and Lamb is that they came from a less affluent background. And their fathers-in-law do not have the resources of Sir James Goldsmith. They had a different upbringing.

One of the main grievances of Botham and Lamb was that they felt that the Oxfordeducated Imran was looking down his aquiline nose at them. Not on the field of play. where they rarely had the better of each other, but off it. Ultimately we heard less of this in the High Court than of the complexities of ball-tampering. At the heart of the issue, though, were class, race and education.

Imran has long been rather sloppily described as having an aristocratic background. This is about as misleading

describing Tottenham Hotspur as the aristocrats of English football. His forebears were not landed gentry but Pathans who were tribesmen. They did not partake of afternoon tea with one another. The first cousins traditionally hate each other: Imran, indeed, has not been

cricketer, since 1982. Imran's fiercely anti-colonial father, Ikramulla Niazi, was an engineer living in Zaman Park, a well-to-do suburb of Lahore, He owns 400 acres of sugar cane, wheat and other crops, sited some distance from the city. Imran says his father did not know about the major public schools in England, entrusting his son's education to the Royal Grammar School in Worcester, a city that Imran soon

found to be thoroughly dull. That Imran went to Oxford - he gained an A and a C in his A-levels and was turned down by Cambridge, Majid's old university — owed much to his tutor at Keble College. Dr Paul Hayes, having a keen interest in admitting sportsmen, it was not however. until after Imran had left with a second-class grade for politics and a third for economics, and had gained renown as a cricketer, that he began to socialise extensively in London. Good-looking and.

by 1982, captain of his country, he realised that he was often invited to parties to be displayed as a kind of trophy.

It is quite evident from Imran's choice of friends just which circles he likes to mix in. Oliver Gilmour, Lord Gilmour's son, Susannah Constantine, former girlfriend of Viscount Linley, and Mark Shand, brother of Camilla Parker-Bowles and best man at his wedding to Jemima Goldsmith, are but three examples. He has never dined alone with an English cricketer and abhors pubs. He could scarcely be more removed in such tastes from Botham and Lamb, who like nothing better than a drink with their teammates at close of play.

As to his personal finances. Imran owns a flat in South Kensington and lives with his wife on the top floor of his father's house when in Pakistan. He has a modest income from journalism. His time in Lahore is spent at the cancer hospital he founded in honour of his mother, to which he has given about £200,000. He is also looking to further his political ambitions.

For Imran, there was the apparent safety net of the Goldsmith millions. Botham and Lamb will now have to rely on making money from articles for the tabloid press, books and tours of their two-



Ian Botham. left, and Allan Lamb: race. class and education were at the heart of their ill-fated legal action against Imran Khan

Wife who could win Imran a bigger victory

By JOANNA BALE

IMRAN KHAN paid tribute last night to his wife, who is expecting a baby, for her unstinting support throughout his 13-day libel hearing. Standing outside the High Court he said: "I'm really happy with the way Jemima took this in her state because there was a tremendous amount of

A Pakistani journalist had even and she will probably win the election consulted with lawyers on behalf of

for him too in Pakistan, despite being English. She has embraced Islam and will make a wonderful First Lady. This has been her finest hour so far."

The 22-year-old daughter of the businessman Sir James Goldsmith had been a constant presence by the side of the former Pakistan cricket captain, now an aspiring politician. often holding his hand and whispering words of encouragement.

Demure in traditional Muslim more praise: "She won it for Imran dress, she often took notes and her husband throughout the hearing. At one point, she was heard berating Imran in a corridor outside Court 13 after he admitted that he could not justify accusing Botham of balltampering and apologised to the former England captain during crossquestioning by Botham's QC. Charles Gray. In court, her whispering sometimes met with a fierce "Sssh" from

her husband. As the jury returned its verdict yesterday, the couple sat close together holding hands, apparently awaiting the worst. When the foreman told the court that they had found for the defendant, Imran and his wife looke as if they could hardly believe it. Imran looked stunned. It was only when his wife, swathed in a long purple dress, smiled at her husband and whispered "We've done it" that he began to beam.

The costs settled, the court rose, and Imran and his wife turned to congratulate their legal team. Botham and his co-plaintiff, Allan Lamb, and their wives sat in silence.

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There's a great deal going on

Jet case verdict is hard to understand, says minister

gent talks with the Home Office and the Attorney-General after a jury in Liverpool cleared a group of women of causing £1.5 million damage to a British Aerospace Hawk jet destined for Indonesia.

Michael Jack, a Treasury Minister and MP for Fylde, Lancashire, said yesterday: "1, and I am sure many others, find this jury's decision difficult to understand. It would appear there is little question about who did this damage. For whatever reason that damage was done. It was just

plain wrong. The ramifications of the case are, however, very important in terms of future security, jobs and the question of being able to do damage and getting off with it."

On Tuesday, the jury at Liverpool Crown Court cleared Lotta Kronlid, 28, Andrea Needham, 30, and Joanna Wilson, 33, of causing criminal damage to the jet at a BAe factory at Warton, near Preston, in January. They and fourth defendant. Angela Zelter, 45, were cleared of conspiring to damage the jet.

The women admitted in

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

A FOSSIL of the first bird

with variable-geometry

wings, which lived 125 milion

years ago, has been discov-

ered in central Spain, filling a

gap in the evolution of flight.

counterparts, the bird, which

was about the size of a

goldfinch, had a flap called an

alula in the leading edge of its

wings. At slow speeds, the

alula opens to create a "slot"

through which the air flows to

This means that the bird,

named Eoalulavis hoyasi by

its Spanish and American

discoverers, could control it-

self precisely and accurately

at low speeds, coming in to

prevent stalling.

Like aircraft and its modern

A MINISTER is seeking ur- court to breaking into a hangar and using hammers to damage the £10 million plane. They pleaded not guilty to the charges, however, claiming their actions were justified. The jury accepted the womens claim that they had a lawful excuse to damage the aircraft because they were using reasonable force to prevent a greater crime. They said that by disarming the jet, one of a consignment of 24 bought by

> against the civilian population in East Timor. BAe later announced that it had served injunctions on the women to prevent further interference with its business". However, at a news conference yesterday, the four women said hundreds of people, including themselves. would launch a private prose-

Indonesia, it could not be used

in the crime of genocide

and abetting murder in East The four women belong to a group called Seeds of Hope — East Timor Ploughshare. whose aim is to follow the biblical injunction to 'beat swords into ploughshares". Ploughshare disarms weap-

Missing link in flying history

Archaeopteryx, lacked this

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The perfectly preserved fos-

sil of the newly discovered

bird was found in the Las

Hoyas deposits at La Cierva

in Cuenca province, which

lies to the east of Madrid, It is

forced to make running land-

ings on the ground.

THE BIRTH OF CONTROLLED FLIGHT

iffi, but at large

cution against BAe for aiding

ons by peaceful means and takes responsibility for its actions by owning up to them. There have been 58 "Ploughshare" acts internationally since 1480; this was the third of its kind in Britain.

The focus of the womens' campaign is the £500 million arms contract Britain signed with the Indonesian Government in 1993 involving the sale

of 24 Hawk jets. Ms Wilson, 33, said their decision to break into the BAe hangar was a last resort. She said campaigners had written to the police and the Government, asking them to prosecute BAe under the Genocide Act. They had held protests and presented evidence that the Hawks were being used in East Timor and export guide-

lines were being breached. British Aerospace said on Tuesday that it operated in accordance with export li cences granted by the Government. The company said in a statement: "In addition, BAe has no evidence that Hawk aircraft are being used in a manner contrary to assurances provided by the Indone-Government to the British Government.

to keep control as pressure over the wing fails, restoring

described in today's issue of

Nature by the team which

discovered it, led by Dr José Sanz of the Autonomous

University of Madrid. The

fossil is so perfect that the

feathers and the contents of

the bird's stomach, including

particles from the shells of

crustaceans, can be seen.

New HIV strain poses threat in **Britain**

By NIGEL HAWKES

A STRAIN of the virus linked to Aids that may spread rapidly among heterosexuals has established itself in Britain.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has identified n0 men and 12 women it believes may be carrying a strain of the virus known as HIV-I subtype E. This strain is responsible for a major epidemic among heterosexuals in Asia where four million people are believed to have been infected with it over the past five years. The main source of the subtype is Thailand, where it has spread at enormous

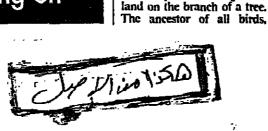
Last year a leading American Aids specialist. Dr Max Essex of the Harvard School of Public Health, gave a warning that the arrival of subtype E in the West could lead to a far more significant epidemic among heterosexuais than experienced so far. His experiments show that the subtype flourishes more readily in the cells that line the vagina. which may explain why it is easily spread by heterosexual intercourse.

Dr Barry Evans, an epidemiologist at the laboratory. says that experience in Belgium provides some reassur-ance. Studies have shown that all subtypes of HIV are present there, including E, but that a major heterosexual

epidemic has not emerged. 'I wouldn't say this is completely reassuring," he said. because of the test-tube experiments which suggest that subtype E may be more easily spread heterosexually. What we don't know is whether there are other factors that have affected the issue in Thailand."

CORRECTION

Mr Dennis McIntyre is director of the annual Bram Stoker summer school (report, July 3). Mr Leslie Shepard is chairman of the Bram Stoker Society in Ireland.



Former Sports Minister stands to become fourth baron after 'very unhappy chapter'

Judge throws out boys' claims to Moynihan title

THE "disreputable" life of the late Lord Moynihan was laid bare at the High Court yesterday in a judgment that crushed the claims of two women that their sons were heirs to his title. It cleared the way for his half-brother, the former Sports Minister Colin

Moynihan, to inherit the title. Sir Stephen Brown ruled that Lord Moynihan's divorce from his fourth wife, Editha, in 1990 was null and void. Lord Moynihan had even laked the death of her son. Andrew, as part of a "clear, deliberate and sustained deception" to hurry through his divorce so that he could marry again. A DNA test showed that Andrew was not Lord Moynihan's son.

The ruling renders his subsequent marriage to Jinna Santiago invalid and means their son, Daniel, is illegitimate and unable to inherit. Jinna wept as Sir Stephen concluded that both Andrew and Daniel had been victims of "wicked selfishness".

The death of Anthony Patrick Andrew Cairnes Berkley Moynihan in 1991 from a brain haemorrhage, aged 61, left a complex web of lorged identities, bigamous marriages and fake documention. Sir Stephen's 55-page judgment attempted to clear up the tangle of "lies and deceit" that Surrounded the peer's marital affairs, but he admitted there were many questions raised by the case that he could not answer. "Speculation was rife and will continue."

What was clear was that from Editha, granted by Tunbridge Wells County Court in 1990, was obtained fraudulently. Lord Moynihan had deceived his own brother-inlaw, the theatrical agent Charles Vance, who acted for him in the divorce, and duped an honest and conscientious solicitor, Christopher Russell.

The peer, who had taken up residence in the Philippines in 1970 after a fleeing a string of fraud charges in England. married 20-year-old Editha



Editha Moynihan: will claim Manila estate



1981. Eight years later, in March 1990, he filed a petition for divorce in England via Mr tale of deception and intrigue is the end of another stage of a

He described himself on the petition as a "retired gentleman", gave his main place of residence as England and the address of his wife, who had moved out, as his own address so that any correspondence to her from the court could be intercepted. When the court received the divorce papers from Editha, questions were answered using a typewriter and only her signature was handwritten. Experts had found that they were almost certainly forgeries.

When Lord Moynihan was told that he would have to attend a divorce hearing with his wife to explain their provisions for Andrew, he faked the boy's death to hurry proceedings along. A notice of Andrew's death appeared in The Times on June 6, 1990, It read: On 24th May, in the Phillipines, Andrew, the infant son and heir of Anthony, Lord Movnihan's divorce 3rd Baron Movnihan of Leeds. aged 15 months. The decree nisi was granted and, in December 1990, he married Jinna, who gave birth to Daniel in January 1991.

The judge said that Editha was astonished to find she had apparently been divorced, and even more astonished to hear about the untimely death of

"A considerable number of lies and half-truths had been told," Sir Stephen said. "I have not referred in detail to all the suspicious and questionable moves which were made in order to achieve and pursue this divorce hearing. However find that there was a clear deliberate and sustained deception of the court by Lord

Moynihan." The estimated £500,000 costs of the case are to be found from Lord Moynihan's estate. The question of the title, along with a £3,500 annual income, is likely to go before the Privileges Committee of the House of Lords and be settled in the next few months.

Outside the court, Colin Moynihan said the judgment made it more likely that he would inherit the title and he hoped that the issue would

Colin Moynihan with his wife Gaynor-Louise Ruben in Manila in February soon be conclusively settled so that he could get on with his political career. This bizarre

up until now. I have been called many names - a golddigger — but I shall be getting what I worked for. I was the one who made it in the first place not him." place, not him."

Before he married Editha, Lord Moynihan had been married three times, to an actress, a belly dancer and a brothel owner. When he fled England for the Philippines in 1969, he faced 57 charges of fraudulent trading and false His business affairs were as

complex as his marital ones. The 1970s and 1980s took him from the narcotics trade to prostition and fraud. At one stage he ran a brothel within 100 yards of the British Ambassador's residence. He always considered him-

very unhappy chapter in the Moynihan family." Editha, who can now go self the quintessential English ahead with her claim to inherpeer. Mr Russell told the court it the peer's multimillionthat he saw himself as "the pound massage parlour business in the Philippines, typical English gentleman". His epitaph is more likely to said that she deserved to lie in the words of Sir Stephen. who described him as a "thor-





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Author arrested over SAS claims

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

says that he was part of an out in September. It has a new SAS death squad in Northern Ireland in the 1970s was arrested by the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday and held for questioning about claims made in his book.

The author, who used the pseudonym Paul Bruce when he wrote The Nemesis File. published last autumn, said that the squad killed more than 30 men between 1971 and 1972. He said that the bodies had been buried in deep woodland graves and that the first victims were unarmed IRA suspects.

Yesterday he was arrested at dawn at his flat in the West Country by RUC officers. John Blake, publisher of The Nemesis File, said that he was detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and flown from Heathrow to Belfast.

The publisher also said that the officers seized the manuscript of the paperback edition



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A BESTSELLING author who of the book, which is coming chapter which includes an interview with a former army intelligence officer. Captain Fred Holroyd Mr Holroyd has made many allegations in the past about covert activities by the British authorities in Ulster.

Yesterday a spokesman for the RUC confirmed the arrest. He would not confirm the real

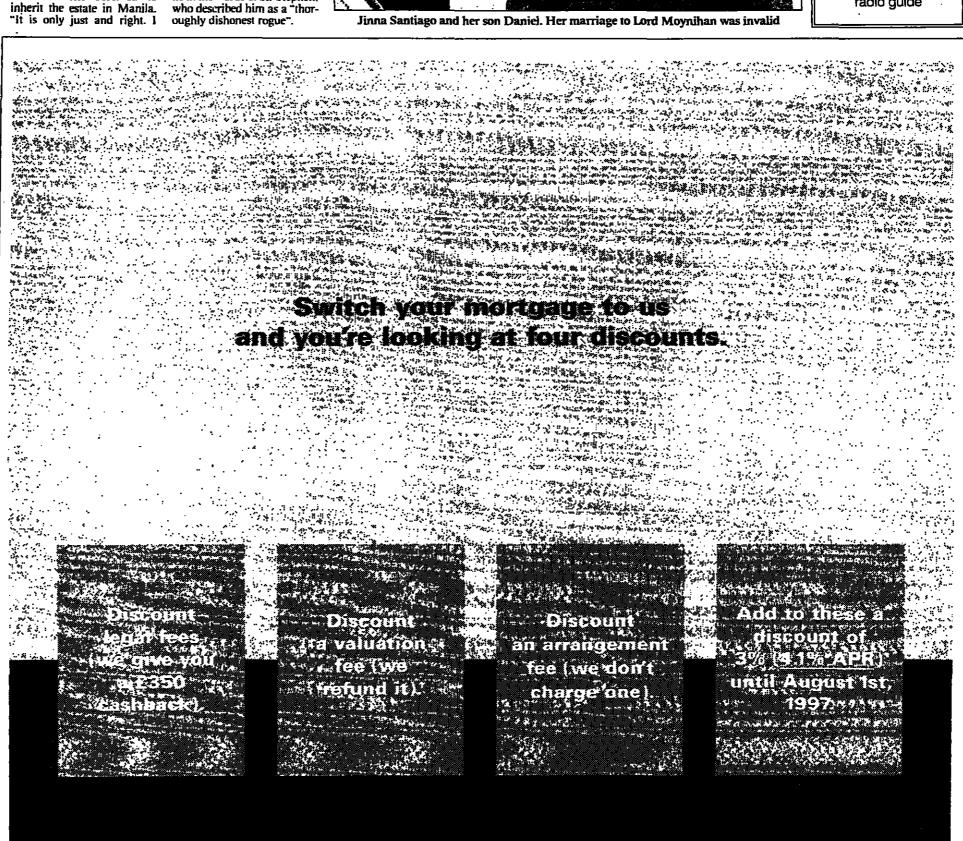
name of the author. The RUC denied a claim by Mr Blake that the author had previously volunteered to help the force, which has been investigating the allegations in the book since it was

published last year. Mr Blake denounced the arrest as melodramatic. "He was always available for the RUC but they never took up the offer, yet now they enter his flat when he's asleep and

arrest him." He said that the book had sold nearly 100,000 copies and was in the top ten bestsellers for more than three months. When it was published, the allegations about the killings were dismissed by the Ministry of Defence and were treated sceptically by the RUC.

Republican sources in Northern Ireland cast doubt on the claims, suggesting that the disappearance of 30 men. many of them alleged IRA suspects, would not have gone unnoticed. However. Mr Blake and his author continued to vouch for the book's authencity and expect the paperback version to renew the

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Villiers daughter wins court battle with Rolls-Royce

THE blind daughter of a renowned car engineer won damages of £160,000 against Rolls-Royce yesterday in a legal action begun by her late

Janie Villiers successfully concluded an action for breach of contract started by Amherst Villiers in 1991. Mr Villiers fell down stairs at his home after the third day of the original trial and died of cancer before his cross-examination could be completed.

The dispute concerned Rolls-Royce's failure to realise his dream of transforming a 1937 Phantom III into "the most fabulous Rolls-Royce", a turbo-charged "super-Rolls" dedicated to the memory of his friend, Sir Henry Royce.

Although the company agreed to do the work on the car, it was never completed, Yesterday in the High Court Judge Prosser, QC, said that Rolls-Royce could have settled Mr Villiers's subsequent legal action at any time, but had chosen instead to "brazen it out and fight tooth and nail". Counsel for Miss Villiers

Sir Malcolm Campbell's landspeed record-winning Blue-Phantom III.

Delivering judgment yester-day after a 15-day hearing.



Amherst Villiers and his daughter, Janie

Judge Prosser said that Richard Perry, former chairman and chief executive of Rolls-

told the court that it was a David versus Goliath case "in which the company behaved with utter arrogance against a sick old man who was dying". Mr Villiers, who developed

bird, powered racing cars for Graham Hill and contributed to American space research, attracted Royce's attention when he supercharged a Phantom I in 1926. He subsequently established an international reputation as "Mr Supercharger", but was in his eighties when he conceived the idea of supercharging the

Royce, had agreed that Rolls-Royce would complete the work to concours condition and deliver the car "in perfect working order, free of charge in return for the right to use it for publicity. But when Mr Villiers sought to have the work completed he was told that he would have to pay for it The judge, who disclosed during the hearing that he was a Bentley owner, said his inspection of the car had

convinced him that much of the work Rolls-Royce had carried out was "well below standard". Mr Villiers had taken him for a drive in it. Rivets could be seen

through the paintwork and chromium, the pramirons had been put on the wrong way round and the trim was substandard throughout. He found that the steering box made a "horrible noise" when turning from left to right and the turbochargers that were the principle object of the exercise had never been fitted.

The judge cited letters and memorandums in which Rolls-Royce executives wrote of trying to make the car "reasonably roadworthy" or "a runner". He said that he found such comments difficult

He said that the project to turbocharge the Phantom III was doomed once Michael Dunn was appointed head of engineering at Rolls-Royce. Mr Dunn had regarded Mr



Villiers as "a devious and difficult old man who would go to any lengths to get his own way" and did not believe the project could be of any value to Rolls-Royce.

The judge, however, said he had liked Mr Villiers and found him charming. Fixing the amount of damages, he said he could not assume that the car would have been sold at the top of the market for £500,000, but he accepted that

peak it might have fetched £200,000. From that he deducted £40,000, which might be the present value.

He said that he would not award additional damages because Mr Villiers had been deprived of enjoyment of the car. Mr Villiers, however, was "a legend in his own liftetime" who took joy in his efforts to move the frontiers of mechanical power ever forward". Judge Prosser awarded the bulk of costs, estimated at

£500,000, against the company, and those incurred since the start of the trial on an indemnity basis, which signals disapproval of the defence. He said: "The company conducted its defence in an uninhibited way. I do not wish to use emotive words, but the case could have been settled at

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damages from the beginning of 1988, when Mr Villiers might have been expected to sell the car. He said: "This was a David versus Goliath case in which the company behaved with utter arrogance against a sick old man who was dying and actually died, and a daughter who is herself unwell.

The judge allowed interest for 312 years, saying that some of the delays in the case were Silverleaf, QC, for Roll-Royce, said the company might appeal.

Miss Villiers said: "I will consider appealing too. The car should have been worth £500,000. Rolls-Royce betrayed my father ... The shoddy way in which they dishonoured their contract proved what he said about them. He told me: The pinstriped cowboys have got under the wire at Crewe', and he was right"

Testosterone patches offered on NHS

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A TESTOSTERONE patch to restore libido and sexual performance becomes available on the National Health Service today despite fears that middle-aged men

will demand it as a rejuvenation therapy. The two-inch patch is designed to treat hypogonadism, which reduces production of sex hormones and afflicts 115,000 men in the United Kingdom, causing impotence, loss of sex drive, fatigue. muscle weakness and depression. Rich-

ard Foulds, medical director of SmithKline Beecham, which created the Andropatch, said that it should be used only for the correct medical purpose. Excessive testosterone has been linked to cancer and heart disease.

Two patches, attached to the skin nightly, mimic the natural pattern of testosterone release in the bloodstream. The treatment costs £1.60 a day.

Patches have already been used to treat eigarette addiction and travel sickness. Experts emphasise that the new patches

are not an aphrodisiac and cannot cure men whose hormone levels are normal but who may suffer impotence from other causes. "Sexual problems, stress, tiredness or marital disharmony are more commonly the main culprits," said lan Banks, a general practitioner. Other men, aged 45 to 55, ask their GPs for testosterone to treat the "mid-life crisis" or andronause.

Hypogonadism can have serious effects, including brittle bones, mild anaemia and reduced sperm count.

Psychopath stabbed landlady to death

A PSYCHOPATH who killed his landlady, the estranged wife of an eminent cancer scientist, was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a top security hospital yesterday.

Seven weeks after moving into Janice Symons's home in Leicester, Richard Burton, 32, stabbed her to death. When detectives asked why he had killed her, he said: "I don't

Mr Justice Turner told Leicester Crown Court that Burton was a danger to the public and was likely to kill again if he was at large. He ordered his detention at Rampton hospital.

Mrs Symons, 59, had been forced to take in lodgers to make ends meet when her husband Martyn. 69, a professor at Leicester University and a transvestite, left her after an affair with a post-graduate The court was told that on

May 11, 1995, Burton got up, fetched a knife from the kitchen and then sat on the stairs asking himself whether he should stab Mrs Symons: "Do I or don't !?" He followed her around the house for a while before

attacking her. He struck her on the head with a pestle and ignored her when she begged him not to kill her. As she struggled to escape, he stabbed her three times.

Burton, who worked at Leicester University, admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility after specialists agreed he had a severe psychopathic personality disorder.

After the sentence, Leicester Health Authority announced an independent inquiry into the case. The authority dis-closed that Burton had been a "user of mental health services" in Leicester but declined to give details about the nature or length of his treatment.

P is for passé as August car sales run out of road

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

who drive out of showrooms today in cars sporting the new P plate could be the last buyers in the annual August registration bonanza.

More than 490,000 cars nearly a quarter of all new vehicle sales this year - are expected to be bought this ready to end the system at the insistence of the motor industry. The Department of Transport will issue a consultative document on its proposed changes within the next few

The industry wants a new system of quarterly registration letter changes, which could be in place by the end of this year, and would mean a new registration plate issued from January 1, followed by another in May, then July and September. However, a range of alternatives exist, including new plates which give more details of towns or counties, or even a form of personal plate. so each driver would be issued with a registration number with their licence and would

Whatever the decision, the August boom is doomed. Dealers have had to carry

carry it on to each car they

THOUSANDS of motorists three times more stock than usual over the past few weeks. hiring yards and fields to park new cars. While the onemonth sale will be worth around £5.4 billion over four weeks, the extra effort of storage, coping with documentation and preparing vehicles is thought to cost more

Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "This is the age of highly efficient manufacturing and highly efficient distribution, yet we are the only country where all these sales are compressed into just four

The year-letter registration was introduced to mark cars which were ready for MoT tests, and the letter was to change each January. Dealers complained that the system created a blip at a time when they could already sell cars and convinced the Government to move it to August, traditionally the quietest sales

In 1967, when the change was introduced. August accounted for fewer than 10 per cent of sales: now the month takes a quarter of the annual



Dealers say the annual change involves extra costs

Homes on toxic site will have new garden

THOUSANDS of tons of soil are to be cleared from private gardens to protect children from lead pollution, after high toxic levels were found under 150 homes built on a disused

rubbish tip. The £1.3 million clean-up ordered by Oxford City Council follows a three-month investigation at Bertie Place and Abingdon Road, where workfound high levels of lead.

arsenic and mercury. Residents complained of nervous disorders, headaches, numbness and loss of appetite after being told that their 1930s homes were built on a tip. They were told to stop eating home-grown vegeta-bles. Public health officials and experts from the National Environmental Technology Centre carried out tests on families.

It was concluded that the lead could affect the developing nervous system of young children if the soil was swallowed from dirty hands, but the mercury and arsenic were not believed to be a health risk to adults or children.

In a six-month operation, soil will now be removed from front and rear gardens and replaced with clean earth. Where all the soil cannot be removed because it is too close to foundations, it will be covered by patios and hardstanding.

A children's play area and recreation ground will be specially treated and doctors will continue to monitor residents' health. Richard Peacock, the housing director, said: "The results were not as bad as we first thought. We are seeking funding from the Government

for the work."

Dr Dick Mayon White, a public health consultant, said: "No one has been found with any poisoning that requires

Brent seeks to cast off its barmy name

By IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A COUNCIL that became synonymous with the "loony left" and corruption is considering changing its name to escape

The London Borough of Brent is to poll residents and local businesses to find out if they want it to become known as the London Borough of Wembley and Willesden. Brent was created in 1965 by merging the two old authorities' areas. Council members have voted narrowly to pay for the poli as part of a consultation process "to do everything possible to shed

its barmy image". The motion was put forward by Paul Lorber, leader of the Liberal Democrat group, and won support from Labour and one of the Conservative members on the hung council. "During the Eighties

under Labour we became known as 'barmy Brent' and under the Tories we became known as Bent Council," Mr Lorber said yesterday. "That kind of thing is unhelpful in our efforts to attract investment to the borough at a time when authorities are having to compete against

The tags are unjustified but people remember them. If we change the name to link the borough with Wembley stadium, which has a worldwide reputation for excellence, it will change our image. If Wembley wins the competition to become the site for the new national stadium, it will be a golden opportunity that we should not miss."

The Conservative group, which controlled the borough for four years until last April says the name change is nothing but a political gimmick. The group is to seek a judicial review of the

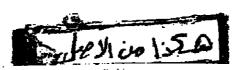
decision to investigate the idea. "The consultation process will cost £100,000 which we cannot afford," said Reg Colwill, the group's leader.

'If it went ahead it would cost at least £1 million in changing road signs, letter heads and that sort of thing. Council tax would have to go up by Ill a head just to

Sir Rhodes Boyson, the Tory MP for Brent North — the Wembley area — said he liked the idea of reverting to the old names, but only if it meant splitting the borough into two authorities. "If this is a stepping stone to getting smaller authorities I am all for it," he said. "If it's just a

publicity gimmick, it's a waste of money." Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, agreed that the authority should be split along the pre-1965 lines. "But if local people want a new name, that has to be up to them." he said.







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Lottery watchdog 'made errors of judgment'

By Philip Webster and Jon Ashworth

THE National Heritage Secretary was standing by the National Lottery regulator last night after a Commons committee accused him of "serious errors of judgment".

Virginia Bottomley tried to head off fresh demands for the resignation of Peter Davis after the Public Accounts Committee criticised him for taking free flights in the United States two years ago on the corporate aircraft of GTech, which has a big stake in the lottery operator Camelot. Mrs Bottomley, who allowed Mr Davis to remain after the allegations surfaced in December, repeated that, although he had been unwise to take the flights and accept hospitality from a New York businessmen linked to GTech, he retained her confidence as

an effective regulator. Last night one of the committee's members, Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West, said that Mr Davis should go, to restore public confidence in the position. "I am not accusing him of dishonesty or impropriety, judgment. He admitted to us that he had been told to be careful about taking any hospitality from the companies involved here, and yet he

Mr Williams said that, in a closed session of the committee, Mr Davis had admitted that he was well aware of the question marks over GTech's reputation. Mr Williams said: "I told him that if he had said that in open session, the press would have buried him.

Jack Cunningham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, supported the committee's conclusions. Labour has pledged "far-reaching" changes to the duties of the lottery regulator if it wins power. Robert Maclennan, the

Liberal Democrat heritage spokesman, called for a fresh appraisal of Camelot's profits in the light of the committee's findings that sales to the end of September 1995 were 70 per cent higher than forecast in its initial application.

The committee criticised Mr Davis's decision to accept hospitality from Carl Menges, a Wall Street financier and GTech director, during a private visit to his home in October 1994. The MPs recognised that the friendship between the two men's wives had pre-dated the creation of the lottery. But they said: "We regard it as of vital importance that the director-general should be seen by the public to be completely impartial and at



operator, its shareholders and those with financial interests

pressed" by Mr Davis's argument that he had accepted the free flights only after he had announced his decision to award the licence to Camelot. "In our view, the directorgeneral's decisions to use GTech corporate aircraft represented serious errors of judgment," the report said.

MPs criticised the way Mr Davis handled a complaint by Rainbow UK, which had originally pitched for the scratchcard licence. They were "concerned" that Mr Davis had not investigated the Rain

oughly. Richard Wheatly, the former advertising executive who led the Rainbow bid, said Mr Davis had not been prepared to consider his rival scratch-card proposals. The committee did not dir-

ectly criticise Mr Davis's decision to award the lottery franchise to Camelot. The report noted that he selected Camelot because it was estimated that the company would contribute the most to the good causes. Mr Davis pointed out that, under the terms of the Act setting up the lottery, he had been unable to take into account the offer made by Mr Branson that his company UK Lotteries would donate all its profits to charity. Mr Branson said yesterday that Mr Davis could and

ket research showed more people would have played the lottery as a result and, therefore, not only would the charities have benefited more, but so would the Government's good causes fund." Mr Davis, who is on holiday, could not be reached for comment. Camelot said the report highlighted its success

should have taken his offer

into account. He said: "Mar-

causes than any other candidate for the lottery licence. Leading article, page 17

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Millions in legal aid paid after lax checks

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of pounds of taxpavers' money is being paid out in legal aid for criminal cases without proper checks. the National Audit Office said yesterday.

In its latest critical report on the granting of legal aid, the Office - the watchdog of Whitehall spending - found that in 40 per cent of cases where free legal aid was granted, court staff did not obtain proper evidence that the defendant was entitled to

Criminal legal aid, which is granted by magistrates' courts, cost £469 million in 1994-95. To qualify, a person must pass a means test and satisfy the court that it is in the interests of justice that they should have legal represent-ation. Some 70 per cent of applicants are entitled to free legal aid (without the need to pay a contribution) because they receive income support. family credit or disability

working allowance.

The office found that although courts obtained some evidence that the applicant was receiving another benefit in 91 per cent of cases, it was adequate to confirm entitle-

ment in only 54 per cent. In some cases, free legal aid was awarded even though the local social security office had stated that a defendant was



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MPs attack Birt's secretive reform of World Service

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

BBC chiefs were accused by cy is maintained," the report MPs yesterday of adopting a "cavalier attitude" to restructuring changes which staff lear will threaten the future of the World Service.

In a report strongly critical of John Birt, the BBC Director-General, the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee concluded: "The manner in which these proposals appear to have been conceived, in some secrecy, and the apparent lack of consultation, is, in our opinion, regrettable, as it may have exacerbated staff opposi-

tion to the changes." The report, brought out only two weeks after Mr Birt's troubled appearance before the committee when one MP accused him of acting like a tsar, sharply criticised him for failing to consult both the Foreign Office and the World Service itself about the changes. It called for a period of "detailed and open-minded consultation" between the Foreign Office. MPs, staff and management in order to analyse the impact of the changes. It also proposed a new investigation by the National Audit Office into the expenditure of the World Service and

its costs and benefits to the United Kingdom. "We consider it a fundamental obligation of both the British Government and the BBC to ensure the World Service's international prima-

In June, the BBC announced wide-ranging restructuring to sever production from commissioning

and scheduling in radio and television. The plan — agreed by Mr Birt, BBC chairman Sir Christopher Bland and the Board of Governors — means the World Service will commission its English language programmes, about 20 per cent of its output, from BBC Production or independent producers, and its news from BBC News. Some staff campaigned against the changes.

The committee said that it will seek regular progress reports from Mr Birt. "We are concerned to ensure that the unique quality of the BBC World Service is not lost in a vast new superstructure within which its needs and priorities are overlooked, or even disregarded."

The BBC welcomed the committee's endorsement of the World Service as a national asset and said Mr Birt and the Governors had repeatedly made clear their "absolute commitment" to it. The service retained its editorial and commissioning roles, and news programmes in English and other languages would be made by a "dedicated and integrated team" which would stay at Bush House until at least April 1998.

Labour is preparing to avoid conflict of 1970s

By PHILIP WEBSTER

REFORMS to the Labour Party structure to prevent a Blair government being undermined by internal conflict with activists were put to the leadership yesterday. When Labour was last in

Government its ruling body. the National Executive Committee. was frequently a source of tension. In the late 1970s the Bennite Left took control of the NEC and forced through changes such as the reselection of MPs. Now Tom Sawyer, Lab-

our's general secretary, has tabled plans to enable the NEC to develop a role that is "neither a pressure group on the government nor an alternative centre of power". His Party in Power report

says that he wants to encourage a new culture that "encourages democratic working through openness, and which turns the local party outward into its community at constituency level. It questions whether the Labour leader and members of the Shadow



Sawyer: new culture

Cabinet should sit on the NEC. The paper also canvasses the idea of widening the representation on the NEC to include regional and local government. Although it does not say as much, the implication is that the number of trade union members

The party is almost certain to adopt new ideas from Mr Sawyer to reduce confrontation at the annual conference. One plan is that the traditional session of compositing motions on the eye of the conference should be brought forward to achieve a "nonadversarial policy dialogue".

Marjorie Mowlam, an NEC member. said: "Previous Labour Governments have argued with the NEC and it's been unproductive ... We've been out for a long time. We've got to be ready to take power."

Labour benefactor, page 15

Red alert to save native squirrel from extinction

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A LAST-DITCH attempt to save the native red squirrel from extinction in England and Wales was launched yesterday. Researchers gave it ten years unless urgent action was taken to defend it against its alien grey cousin.

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Landowners, conservationists, government agencies and foresters are joining forces to put pressure on the advancing grey squirrels, which now number more than two million, and to boost numbers of red squirrels across the British Isles. More than £200,000 is being spent initially, with further funding coming from

NPI, the pensions company.
Action plans are being drawn up for areas where red squirrels, estimated to number 160,000, survive. They include large areas of Scotland and pockets in England and Wales. Strategies developed after decades of research will be tailored for each area and will concentrate on providing food for red squirrels while shooting and poisoning grey squirrels using specially de-signed Warfarin-laced hoppers. A contraceptive drug to be put into grey squirrels' food is also being studied.

Foresters are being encouraged to take up the new Biodiversity Woodland Improvement Grants, which pay them to manage forests that encourage red squirrels and discourage grey squirrels.

The campaign will, it is hoped, end the fragmented attempts to save the red squirrel and orchestrate the drive on a national basis. Dr Pat Morris, an expert at the Mammal Society, said it was also vital to make sure that all government departments

worked in harmony so that ment's wildlife advisers, said conservation efforts were not vesterday that even if a bridge

He said that even in areas such as the Isle of Wight and Formby in Lancashire, where red squirrels are clinging on, there was an increased likelihood of incursion by grey squirrels. On the Isle of Wight. where red squirrels have survived through isolation, a bridge to the mainland is proposed. In Formby, there are plans to plant a community forest of broad-leaved trees right up to the colony's edges. Research shows that deciduous trees act as bridgeheads for grey squirrels, allowing

rel territory. Dr Morris said such planning decisions by one government department needed to take into account actions by the Department of the Environment, which was trying to conserve the red squirrel.

them to overwhelm red squir-

Dr Tom Tew, of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), the Govern-



Red squirrel: driven out by its grey cousin

was not built to the Isle of Wight, southern England's last red squirrels could be extinct in two years. "They could get over by hitching a ride on a ferry. There is always the threat of some unscrupulous person introducing them."

He added that, despite all their best efforts, the red squirrel might not survive under the onslaught from the more successful grey squir-rels. "I do not know if this is going to work. But if the red squirrel does become extinct here, it will be a tragic loss of our natural history. But we are optimistic. Everyone has signed up to this. I hope when I take my grandson to see a red squirrel it will still be in a wood and not a zoo."

The Earl of Selborne, chairman of the JNCC, said that the strategy was aimed at tipping the balance in favour of red squirrels in those areas of England, Scotland and Wales where they survived. He added that saving the red squirrel, one of 116 British species named recently by the Gov-ernment under its biodiversity action plan as in need of urgent conservation, was

'Here in the western world' we are often critical of the actions of less developed nations to conserve their natural flora and fauna." he said. "Sometimes we forget that action, like charity, should begin at home. Indeed, we sometimes forget that we have species like the red squirrel, which are endangered and disappearing from the woods



The new cast: from left, Steve Balsamo (Jesus), Joanna Ampil (Mary Magdalene), and Zubin Varla (Judas)

Unknown is chosen to be a Superstar

a girlfriend has been plucked from obscurity to take the lead role in Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's revival of Jesus Christ Superstar (Dalya Alberge writes).

Steve Balsamo, 25, was jealous of the adulation that the girl gave to rock stars. Although the romance later broke up, he dropped out of art school when he realised he could sing, became lead singer with a rock band called Living

A MAN who took up singing to impress Room and took on acting roles including a television appearance in Casualty. Gale Edwards, director of the revived rock musical, said that Balsamo was among 1,000 hopefuls who auditioned

over eight months. She said: "He had a natural charisma. He also has an astonishingly good rock'n'roll voice." Judas Iscariot will be played by Zubin Varia, who has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Joanna Ampil,

who played Kim in Miss Saigon, will be Mary Magdalene.

The musical, which upset religious groups when it was first staged in the 1970s, helped to make the names of its creators, Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and of its early stars, such as Paul Nicholas and Elaine Page. It ran for eight years in the West End. It will reopen on November 19 at the revived Lyceum Theatre in the Strand, London.

Birds' egg collector escapes £6m fine

A COLLECTOR who amassed hindreds of protected bards eggs could have incurred a court was told yesterday.

The Durham City singendary magistrate, Ian Griffspie, accepted that Robert Grein did not have the means to pay

not have the means to pay penalties of £5,000 per face egg and £3,000 for each of the others. He imposed two speci-men fines of £600 for an esprey egg and 5500 for a peregrine egg phis E50 costs. A police raid on Crich's

former home in Brandon, Co Durham, in May last year led to the discovery of 2,431 eggs neatly set out in cabinets in a locked garage. The court ordered it to be confiscated. Crich. 48, a tyre-fitter admitted two charges of pos sessing 383 eggs of protected rare birds and two charges of having 1,421 eggs from more common protected species. The court was told that the collection included the eggs of some of Britain's rarest nesting birds, such as the red-

throated diver and goshawk.

Barbara Thubron, for the defence, said that he had been collecting eggs since he was a boy and had invested a large amount of money in his hobby. "It resulted in his divorce after his wife alleged that he spent far too much time watching birds and with his egg collection and not enough

time with her. "Today is the final episode in a wasted life collecting eggs. He has lost his wife and family because of it and now he is

Take one plump grey, dip in batter and fry until golden

Mr Good adds: "The way I

like to do them is to skin and

gut them, boil them for twenty

minutes, dip them in bread-crumbs and egg and then fry

them in batter until they are

golden brown. You can curry

them, boil or roast them and

even turn them into hamburg-

demise of the red squirrel can be laid at the door of Mr Brocklehurst, the Cheshire landowner who released a pair of North American grey squirrels into his garden as an exotic addition in 1876.

In 1902 a further 100 were released around Kingston Hill, Surrey. Why they were brought in is not quite clear. but they later became popular as food. It may not have the seasonal symbolism of lamb or turkey or the traditional taste of venison, but the grey squirrel (Sciurus carolinensis) has joined the butcher's game

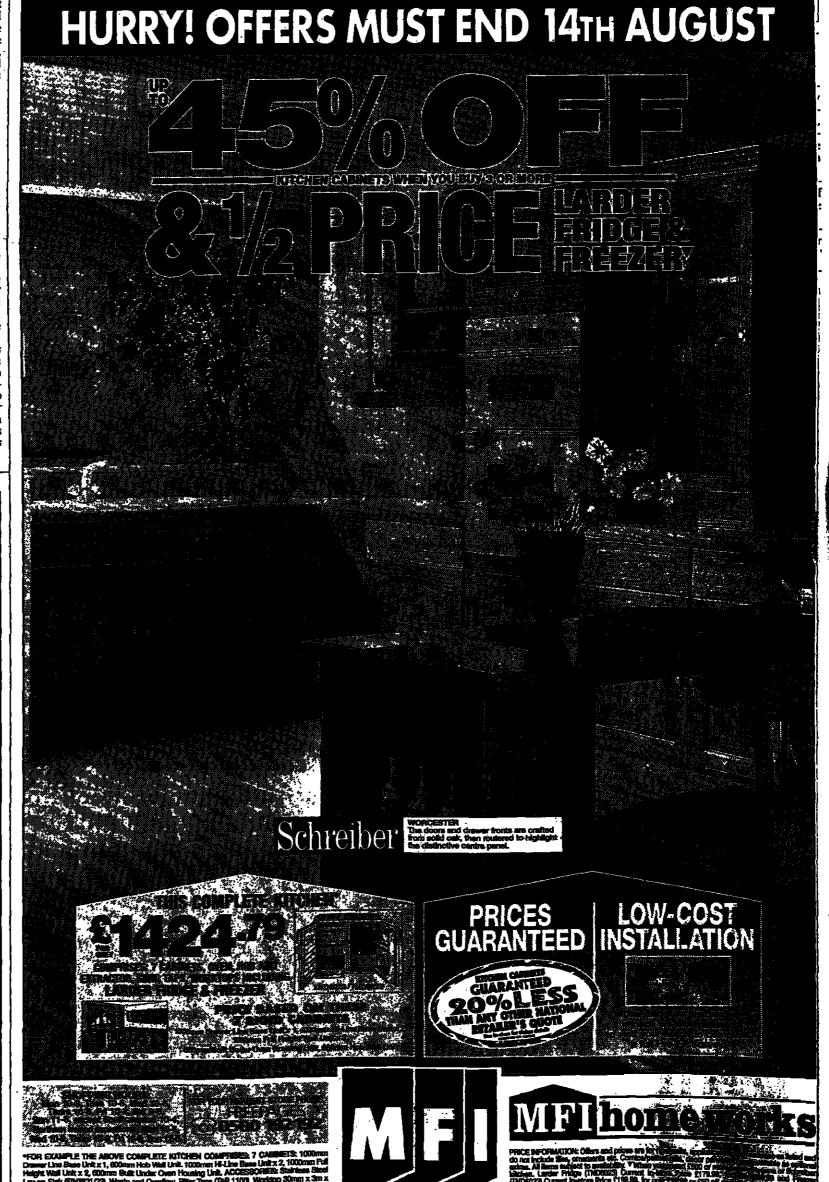
"I prefer them fried, but you

can eat them anyway you like, older buggers can be a bit really," says Jim Good, who tough to eat, so I only go for He sells them for £1.50 each. Whatever you can do with a

They are best after October, chicken, you can do with a when they have fattened themsoulirel. selves up for the winter. And In the 1940s free cartridges how do they taste? "A mixture were distributed to gun clubs which hunted the greys between chicken and rabbit." officially classed as a pest -Mr Good says. There is enough meat on one squirrel and a bounty of a shilling per tail was offered, with £100,000 for one person — quite nice being paid out by 1958.

One of the most famous squirrel-eaters was Elvis Presley, who was brought up on them in Tupelo, Mississippi. If only he had stuck to squirrels, instead of his later high-calorie diet of bacon, jam and peanut butter sandwiches he might have been with us





France braced for autumn of strikes over budget cuts

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH union leaders and government ministers will head off on holiday this month in the knowledge that the stage is set for a renewed bout of labour unrest when they return in September.

Government pledges to cut budgets and prune back the public sector, union strike threats and ever-swelling unemployment have mixed in a volatile cocktail that will ferment through the summer. Many commentators predict that at la rentrée, when France grudgingly goes back to work, the strikes and stoppages of last autumn will also return with a vengeance.

Clear signs of a looming confrontation over government austerity plans came this week with reports that up to 10,000 jobs will be cut from the public sector next year, as part of the 60 billion francs (£7.8 billion) in economies the Government hopes to make in advance of European monetary union. At least 2,500 teaching jobs are likely to be slashed. the first employment cuts in education for 15 years.

Monique Vuaillat, head of the powerful secondary teachers union, said she was already seeking support from other public sector unions for strike action in the autumn. Other education unions called

the cuts "scandalous". Teachers' union leaders

have scheduled a meeting on August 27 and the seven civil service federations will also meet on September 10 to coordinate action. The Force Ouvrière union, which spearheaded the strikes last year, has scheduled a march for September 21 to defend jobs, salaries and welfare benefits.

But the cuts so far identified are only the tip of the iceberg of what the Government must ram into the Titanic public sector, which employs more than two million people, to meet the Maastricht criteria for a single European currency. Eliminating 10,000 public sector jobs will save just 1.5 billion francs, a fortieth of the total government objective.

It is no accident that the first intimations of the shape of cuts to come should have emerged in the holiday season. Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, is plainly hoping that by circulating his plans during the summer lull he can take at least some of the sting out of union wrath.

But the unions are in unforgiving mood, especially after job figures released yesterday showed that unemployment had reached a near-record 12.5

per cent. "They talk about fighting unemployment and then cut jobs," said Bernard Lhubert, head of the civil service branch of the Commu-

nist-led CGT union. The scope and timing of further unrest may depend largely on the rail unions, which were among the most militant opponents of M Juppé's efforts to overhaul the velfare system last year.

The Government is preparing for the 'battle royal" in prospect by quietly garnering support in some unlikely places. President Chirac dined this week with Alain Madelin. the Thatcherite former Finance Minister, who suggested a year ago that the civil service needed pruning, and was immediately sacked.

Today, M Chirac goes a step further by having lunch with Edouard Balladur, his rival for the presidency who has repeatedly sniped at the Government's budget policies. The two men dislike one another, but with further unrest on the horizon, M Chirac needs all the allies he can muster.

The President is spending his break at a Provençal fortress: an accurate reflection of his mentality, the unions say, and perhaps the best place to prepare for conflict.

Skinheads held for attack on cemetery

By BEN MACINTYRE

FIVE skinheads have been arrested in connection with the desecration of the Jewish cemetery at Carpentras more than six years ago, a crime that outraged France and prompted a political furore.

In May 1990, 34 graves were vandalised and the body of an elderly man who had died five days before was impaled on an umbrella.

A wave of revulsion swept France and the finger of suspicion was immediately pointed at the extreme-right National Front, then gaining political ground. The President at the time, François Mitterrand, later joined 200,000 people on a march through Paris against racism and anti-Semitism. The five people held yester-

day have not been identified but are believed to be linked the Parti Nationaliste Français et Européen, an extremist neo-Nazi breakaway from the National Front, founded by a former Waffen SS member.

Two of those arrested have confessed to the crime, radio reports said. All were in custody in Avignon last night. Donn: German neo-Nazis have applied to hold more than 100 marches to commemorate Hitler's former deputy, Rudolf Hess, who committed suicide in Spandau prison on August 17, 1987.



Zapatista rebels welcome Danielle Mitterrand, widow of the former French President, to the village of La Realidad in Mexico, where she is taking part this week in a conference on global domination by multinational companies

Children of Russian officials 'stole £64m'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

CHILDREN of leading Russian bureaucrats are being accused of stealing about \$100 million (£64.5 million) from the Interior and Defence Ministries through falsifying letters of credit between 1993 and 1994.

According to the Russian police, embez-zlement charges are being prepared against ten people, mostly the sons and daughters of senior officials. Andrei Stepantsev, the head of Mos-

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cow's investigation division, said the cases were by no means exceptional. He added that his officers were also investigating the Health Ministry, where millions of pounds in medical aid for Chechenia had disappeared. The case involves officials very close to the Health Minister, which creates certain difficulties for investigators," he said vesterday, lamenting that senior officials in Russia

still regard themselves as above the law. Although the latest disclosures of corruption are stunning, even by Russia's standards, it is not clear how far the

crackdown will lead. After the presiden tial elections and the rise of General Aleksandr Lebed as the Kremlin's security chief, it had been hoped that his tough "law and order" platform would be translated into a big clean-up drive.

However, there are serious doubts thether a concerted operation is possible while President Yeltsin is still in power. Several senior figures close to the Russian leader have been suspected of making millions through bribes, embezzlement or abuse of influence. Only one has been



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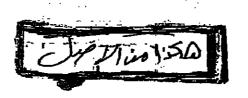
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Bosnian Croats' church bombed

FROM STACY SULLIVAN

SISTER Kornelia Grubisan, a Catholic nun in the predomi-Bugojno, had settled into bed to read a novel in her quarters at the Franciscan Church of St Anton when a powerful bomb exploded outside her window last Friday night.

The blast, believed to be the work of Muslim extremists, shattered all nine of the handmade stained-glass windows of the 120-year-old Catholic church, the biggest in Bosnia. It destroyed a hearse, an ambulance and a pharmacy run by an international aid oup. It cracked the walls of the children's Sunday school room and blew off the doors in the residence hall, where 13 nuns and priests sleep. Nobody was killed, however.

The bombing was probably in retaliation for the partial burning of a mosque in nearby Prozor, a predominantly Croat town, a day earlier. It is a reflection of the deteriorating relations between Muslims and Croats, partners in a shaky federation.

In Bugojno today less than 2.000 of the prewar Croat population of 15,000 remain. According to Father Janko Ljubos, 47, the priest who runs the Franciscan parish, they are routinely harassed by the Muslim authorities who control the town. "This attack was an attempt to force out the remaining Croats," he said.

The church had become a community centre for the Croats, housing offices of Caritas, a Catholic relief organisation, a human rights group, a mail centre for Croat residents, and offices of the Croatian Democratic Union. "There are some parts of

Bosnia where the ethnic cleansing is not finished and now, extremist groups on all sides are trying to finish it off," said Father Ljobos.



Balabagan: outrage over her death sentence

Filipina maid flies home to a fortune

By Eve-Ann Prentice

SARAH BALABAGAN, the teenage Filipina maid who has faced a death sentence. flogging and two years in jail for murdering her employer in the United Arab Emirates after he allegedly tried to rape her, was freed and flew home to Manila yesterday, facing a future brimming with all the hope that money can buy.

Miss Balabagan has a reported £100,000 to spend from a trust fund set up with donations from well-wishers and many times that amount believed to be on offer from Manila businessmen.

In 1994 she was convicted of murdering her elderly employer, Almas Mohammed al-Baloushi. Last summer she was sentenced to die, causing international outrage and prompting Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to intervene. After a retrial she was sentenced to a year in prison and 100 lashes.

The UAE said Miss Balabagan was released because of good behaviour in jail. While there, she was inundated with gifts as well as offers of marriage. One of her suitors is reportedly an Englishman.

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Township mob on rampage after 15 die in stampede

ANGRY youths fought running battles with police in Tembisa township, 20 miles northeast of Johannesburg. vesterday as they vented their anger over a rush-hour railway station stampede that left 15 people dead and more then 50 injured.

President Mandela pledged an urgent inquiry into the 'national tragedy" at Tembisa station, caused when security guards with electric shock batons tried to turn back alleged fare dodgers. The victims were crushed as thousands of commuters trying to board trains into Johannesburg and Pretoria were caught in a bottleneck.

In rare scenes of township violence since the end of apartheid, hundreds of youths



An electric-baton attack by security guards on railway fare dodgers led to a riot and a narrow escape from a violent crowd for Inigo Gilmore

rocks at him.

rampaged through the dusty streets round the station vowing to kill the security guards. Screaming abuse and hurling stones, they set upon journal-

Arriving at the station, I saw youths wielding clubs and metal bars smash down the wooden door of the ticket office before torching it. This triggered a gas-bontle explosion that ripped off part of the roof. Police in bullet-proof vests,

firing rubber bullets and tear-

jerk of the steering wheel the car was suddenly free and we Vitnesses at the scene said the stampede occurred shortly after 6am. They said people had arrived earlier to find the ticket office shut and, worried

tickets. Passengers forced their way through the control point, crushing others in front. More than 50 people were

gas, chased the mob from the station across waste ground where I was standing. As they took up positions around the station, a white policeman beckoned aggressively to his tormentors as they hurled Screaming men and women

then turned their anger on me. as I crouched behind a car. Stones narrowly missed my head and body. As I scrambled into the passenger seat of the car, a colleague from The Daily Telegraph put the vehicle into reverse, but the front wheels became stuck in a rut. A rock crashed through the driver's window, and for a few terrifying moments, with the wheels spinning, I watched the mob come closer. With a

about missing their trains, attempted to board without

reportedly admitted to a hospital in the township with injuries caused by electric shocks. A police spokesman said such



shocks could be lethal. One witness said he saw security guards pinning down passengers and pressing prods into bare skin, including faces.

Bintu Petsana, a spokeswoman for Metro Rail which runs the commuter train service, said the company had begun deploying private secunity guards on Monday to curb fare dodgers. "Resistance had been building up among non-paying commuters who refused to move to ticket offices," she said. "These com-

muters embarked on a practice of waiting on top of a bridge until a train arrived and then storming down the stairs past the access points."

She added: "This happened again this morning, with a group of singing and dancing commuters shouting and pushing their way past the security personnel."

In the pandemonium police struggled to restrain a surging crowd of several thousands who demanded to see the victims. As word spread of the

tragedy, youths, many schoolchildren, flocked to the scene demanding answers and punishment for the security guards. The guards, who had earlier hidden in the ticket office, were ferried by police to

a local police station. Encircled by plumes of billowing black smoke, youths demonstrated at the entrance to the station. Speaking from inside a riot van, a local ANC official tried to calm the crowd, but his pleas for re-straint were drowned by

shouts of anger. "If the security guards come back here the people will murder them." a 24-old-year calling himself KB" said to nods of approval. The people want justice."

For most Tembisa residents. trains are the only mode of transport to Johannesburg. A ticket to the city costs 3.5 rands (about 50p) while a trip to the local suburbs is 1.5 rands.

A relief fund was set up to assist victims and their families and had received 500,000 rands by last night.



Armed police guarding the station from protesters African states isolate Burundi regime

FROM SAM KILEY IN BUJUMBURA

AFRICAN leaders vowed yesterday to impose tough economic sanctions against Burundi's new military regime, and demanded that it open negotiations with Hutu rebels or face "tougher measures".

rre Buyoya, who seized power is a total economic blockade of Burundi. There was not a single dissenting voice." President Mkapa of Tanzania said after

the six-nation regional summit. Other leaders came from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Zaire.

The tough stance has not been matched since 1967, when the Organisation of African Unity imposed sanctions on Rhodesia, and signals a new phase in regional politics, since African leaders traditionally have ignored the affairs of six leaders said the Buyoya restored "constitutional legality", a demand amounting to an order to restore Sylvestre Nithantunganya, the

deposed Hutu President, to power. Landlocked Burundi, its economy hard hit by civil war, relies on brewing, and coffee and tea exports by road. About 150,000 people have died in three years of killings between Hutus, who are 85 per cent of the population, and Tutsis, who control the

Major Buyoya, in an attempt to woo support, yesterday appointed a Hutu as Pascal-Firmin Ndimira, 40, has a Rwandan Tutsi mother and is a member of the Tutsi-dominated Uprona Party.



Kelly: hanged at 25

Aborigines seek Ned Kelly reward FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

DESCENDANTS of two Aborigines who tracked down the infamous Australian bush ranger, Ned Kelly, launched a court action yesterday for the reward that they daim was

In 1880, when the bandit who became a folk hero was ured by police after a shootout in Glenrowan, Vic- families of the toria, a £50 reward had been against the Victoria and

posted for information leading to his arrest. The Aboriginal pair drew on their traditional hunting skills to lead police to Kelly's hideout. Now, 116 years later, their

descendants claim the reward, equivalent to two weeks' salary for a clerk at the time, is worth £20,000 with compound interest.

John Lee Jones, an Aboriginal elder, acting on behalf of

Queensland state ments yesterday. Mrs May McBride, 79, a granddaughter of one of the Aborigines. claimed her grandfather repeatedly tried to obtain the reward before he died in poverty in 1925.

Legal sources said the lawsuits had little chance of success because of the time lapse since Kelly's capture.

Kelly was hanged in Melbourne jail a few months after

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Ignored Buchanan hints at quitting Republican ranks

From Ian Brodie in Washington

PAT BUCHANAN, the biggest thorn in Bob Dole's side, all but threatened to quit the Republican Party yesterday if his conservative agenda continued to be ignored.

Warning that the party was in "dire straits", Mr Buchanan was still steaming over being offered only a 15-second video appearance at the Republican convention. He told a Washington press conference that his not being invited to speak was an insult

Almost as bad, Mr Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, was refusing to talk to him, the Dole campaign would not return his calls to discuss platform proposals, and he felt as though he was being boxed out.

Mr Dole has decided that to have any hope of beating President Clinton in November he must run towards the would depend on the tone of moderate centre. In doing so, the convention, the shape of he is trying to ignore the the party's platform and the party's divisions and gamselection of an anti-abortion bling that Mr Buchanan will candidate for Vice-President. He intends to go to the convention as a Republican not leave the fold and take his

and he hoped to leave as one, he said, emphasising the word

hoped. "But I cannot give

these folks a blank cheque," he

added. "I am more committed

to a lot of these ideas and

issues than to any party label."

would leave the party, he said:

"What we do is contingent on

Mr Buchanan will hold a

series of rallies beyond the

convention hall to "provide a

voice for the unborn and for

the working men and women

who have been left out of this

hollow prosperity". He speaks not for the Republican blue-

bloods, but for the blue-collar

conservatives and the Reli-gious Right, whose ranks he

says are growing. Buchanan delegates will be

armed with his latest manifes-

to, which goes beyond Mr

Dole's proposals in calling for

a flat tax with some deduc-

tions and for an "America

First" curbing of free trade

that runs counter to main-

In typically heated Buchan-

an rhetoric, it says: "Amoral

trans-national corporations

that dominate foreign trade have adopted a profit uber

"Like the denizens of Jurassic Park, they exhibit only

appetite. They have no alle-

giance to any country and no

loyalty even to their own

On foreign policy, Mr Bu-chanan accused Europeans of

cutting back their military

forces and throwing the entire

burden of their defence on the

Americans. America's response, he said, must be to

pull all US ground troops out

of Europe and transfer com-mand of Nato to a European

Germany last month have

focused attention on his suc-

cession. There is no machin-

ery for a proper succession,

leaving foreign investors ner-

vous. Last Friday, the stock

market dipped on the false

rumour that the President had

The Government described

under arrest as "small

Indonesians add to democracy demands

alles' mind-set.

stream Republican beliefs.

the next few weeks."

Asked point-blank if he

else to go. As a maverick and a populist, Mr Buchanan came second in the primaries with three million votes. His delegates promise to be a noisy resence at the convention. which starts in 11 days' time in San Diego, with the potential to cause floor-fights over abortion, taxes and international

legion of supporters with him,

because they have nowhere

Alone among the other defeated primary contestants, Mr Buchanan refuses to endorse Mr Dole. When asked what it would take for him to do so, he said his attitude

Democrats divided over welfare cuts

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS yesterday left the White House struggling to find a compromise after a sweeping overhaul of the American welfare system left President Clinton under fire from his own party.

The House of Representatives was expected to vote last night on a Bill to end the 61year-old federal guarantee of cash assistance to every poor family with children. Like the Senate, which votes today. both houses are expected to pass the measure easily.

States would get an annual cash grant and be able to design their own programmes to create employment for welfare recipients. The Bill would also cut eligibility for food stamps and deny benefits under most welfare schemes to legal immigrants, limit benefits to five years, and reduce spending by about \$55

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

IN JAKARTA

INDONESIA arrested anti-

government campaigners and

kept riot police on the streets of

Jakarta yesterday in a drive

against an increasingly defi-

ant pro-democracy movement.

challenge to a controlled polit-

ical order that has given

The Government has been

billion (£35 billion) over six years, Mr Clinton, expected to receive the Bili before Congress goes into recess at the end of the week, has yet to make a decision but White House sources said he would sign it. The President said: "I hope we can work it out. We just need to keep the kids in mind ... the children need to

come out ahead." Within the White House, however, two camps have emerged. Political advisers, mindful of the election and Mr Clinton's campaign promise to "abolish welfare as we know it", have urged him to

sign the legislation. Liberal aides and the left wing of the congressional Democratic Party say the Bill will plunge more than a million children into poverty and want him to veto the

rioters on sight have ensured

peace in Jakarta after violent

demonstrations last weekend.

But pro-democracy leaders

continued issuing statements

yesterday demanding the dis-

mantling of a system that

guarantees perpetual power

for the governing Golkar par-

ty, which is certain to win next

President Suharto, 75, is

guaranteed a seventh term if

Belorussia opposition heads seek US asylum

> BY TOM RHODES, AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE United States last night was considering asylum for two opposition leaders from Belorussia who claim they fled the hardline regime in the former Soviet republic in fear of their lives.

Zenon Poznyak, chairman of the Popular Front party, and Sergei Naumchik, its press secretary, said they had been labelled enemies of the state by President Lukashenko, who had ordered them "neutralised" or killed.

The two, speaking on Capitol Hill, called on Congress to hold hearings on recent human rights abuses in Belorussia. Martin Hoke, a Ohio Republican, said both had been imprisoned and claimed to have suffered various abuses.

"I have advanced their case and to my understanding there is every indication that they will be granted political asylum here," he said. "I have also urged Congress to cut foreign aid to Belorussia and prevent what appears to be the creation of a police state.

The State Department and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service both declined comment. Under federal law. asylum cases are protected by a privacy clause.

The asylum request is likely to exacerbate a tense situation in Belorussia where President Lukashenko, the democratically elected but dictatorially minded leader, is locked in battle with the opposition.

The Belorussian leader said yesterday that he was preparing a decree that would ban "unlawful, anti-state, anti-presidential activities".

He triggered nationwide unrest in April when he pledged to reforge a union with Russia. Seven political parties, from nationalists to Communists, signed a decla-ration last week denouncing his presidency. Seven thou-sand pro-nationalist demonstrators took to the streets of Minsk, the capital, last Saturday in a show of defiance.

demonstrations, an unprece

dented reaction to years of

sparked by the Government's

involvement in the removal of

Megawati Sukarnoputri from

the chairmanship of the oppo-

sition Democratic Party in

June, patently because she

The daughter of Sukarno

Indonesia's founder and first

President, is due to go to court

posed a credible challenge.



Workers unload a section of three of Flight 800's passenger seats from a barge

Damage to landing gear boosts TWA bomb theory

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE front landing gear of TWA Flight 800, pulled from the waters off Long Island, has yielded the strongest evidence yet that the jumbo jet was brought down by a bomb.

Investigators were quoted yesterday as saying that the landing gear had suffered "serious concussive damage" indicating that it was close to the source of the explosion.

With the plane flying at 13,700ft, the landing gear would have been stowed in its metal casing inside the fuse-lage. Divers who hoisted the wreckage from the seabed on Saturday found, however, that the hydraulic mechanism that retracts the nose wheel had been smashed by the

The vast majority of the wreckage has been these torn, mangled pieces of thin metal from the fuselage," one investigator said. "This was a huge piece of thick steel, and it had

been blasted."

forward baggage compart-ment, or possibly in a food cart or toilet above.

The front landing gear is located next to the forward baggage compartment and beneath the first-class seating. It was found near the wreckage of the first-class cabin and other parts of the front of the plane, about 1.5 miles from the main fuselage.

Salvage crews have also recovered a forward cargo door that similarly points to a bomb blast in the front cargo hold. The door was recovered further back along the plane's flight path than the front landing gear, suggesting it was one of the first pieces to be

James Kallstrom, the FBI's chief investigator, said publicly for the first time on Tuesday night that he favoured one of the three scenarios investigators have identified — a bomb, a missile and mechanical malthe discovery bolsters the function — but refused to say which. The FBI is waiting for ment that the crash was the result of a terrorist attack. The USS Grapple, a sal-

vage vessel equipped with a pilotless submarine and heavy lifting gear, yesterday joined its sister ship, the USS Grasp. at the crash site. The Grapple attempted to hoist up wreckage of the front of the plane, while the Grasp continued to work on the main fuselage. Investigators hope that so-

phisticated tests at the FBI rime laboratory outside Washington will reveal chemical residue of any-explosive. The absence of positive results has led some to speculate that a bomb might have been made dynamite, which leaves

Meanwhile, another TWA Flight 800 flight on the New York-Paris route was forced to turn back shortly after take-off on Tuesday night due to a light warning of an open service door. After major disasters airlines usually rename routes, but TWA

Eta bomb

FBI ago home of bomb bl

warning for France

Madrid: A car dealer was badly injured in Calatayud. near Zaragoza, yesterday by a letter bomb left at his Citroen showroom by Eta, the Basque. separatist group (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Spanish police believe the bomb — and a petrol bomb attack earlier yesterday on a Peugeot showroom in Zamudio, near Bilbao, that damaged six cars. - could be the start of a wave of Eta attacks or on French symbols and business interests in retaliation for France's new close co-operation with Spain against the extremists.

Herminio Ibáñez Herrero, the Citroën dealer, had his left hand amputated.

Radiation scare at Iran plant

Nicosia: About 25 people were exposed to radioactivity at a gas power station in northern Iran, the International Atomic Agency said yesterday (Michael Theodoulou writes). The news clarified a sketchy report in a Tehran newspaper that prompted speculation of a nuclear accident. David Kyd, of the agency, said a radiograph machine had been accidentally left in a pipeline. By the time it was found, staff had suffered mild exposure.

£6m leap in cash for Greenpeace

Amsterdam: Donations to Greenpeace jumped by £6.4 million last year despite a drop in world membership. Greenpeace's management board said in its annual report that high-profile media campaigns on the Brent Spar oil platform and French nuclear testing in the South Pacific pushed worldwide donations to £88.6 million from £82.2 million in 1995. (Reuter)

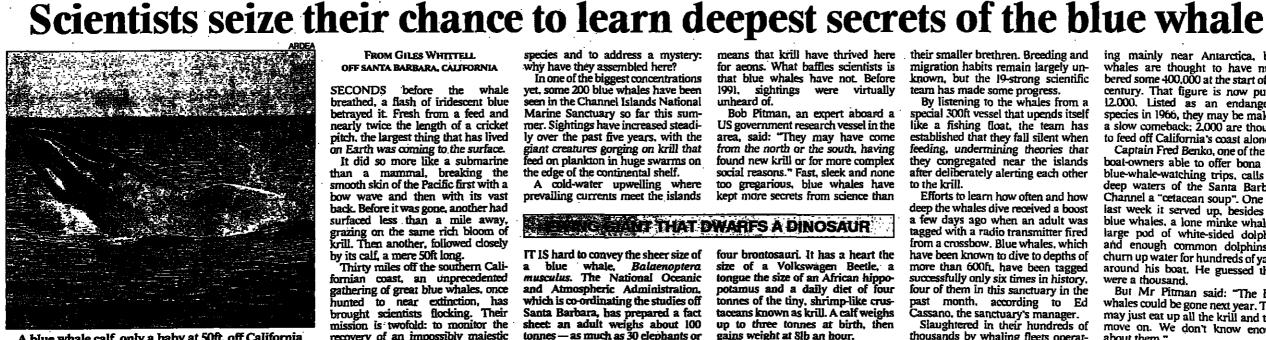
Pakistan buys Ukraine tanks

Islamabad: Pakistan, stung by US sanctions against weap ons sales, has bought more than 300 Russian-built tanks from Ukraine in a E350 million deal. Announcing the purchase, a Pakistan Defeate Ministry official did not specify the precise number of TSOUD tanks to be delivered over three years. (Reuter)

Kangaroo siege

Sydney: An animal welfare officer had to shoot a sick kangaroo that terrorised an elderly couple by refusing to let them out of their suburban home after taking up residence on their porch. (AP)

worms" and pledged to hunt for what it called the master-President Suharto a monopoly u power for 50 years: death of his wife in April and minds of the weekend turmoil, for arranging her removal theory that the Boeing 747 was hard forensic evidence before Orders to police to shoot his visit to a heart specialist in in which two men died. The from the party leadership. he wants it. However, the today to sue the Government has insisted on keeping on power for 30 years. split in two by a bomb in the making an official announce- Flight 800.



A blue whale calf, only a baby at 50ft, off California

FROM GILES WHITTELL OFF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

SECONDS before the whale breathed, a flash of iridescent blue betrayed it. Fresh from a feed and nearly twice the length of a cricket pitch, the largest thing that has lived on Earth was coming to the surface. It did so more like a submarine than a mammal, breaking the smooth skin of the Pacific first with a bow wave and then with its vast back. Before it was gone, another had surfaced less than a mile away, grazing on the same rich bloom of krill. Then another, followed closely by its calf, a mere 50ft long.

Thirty miles off the southern Cali-

fornian coast, an unprecedented gathering of great blue whales, once hunted to near extinction, has brought scientists flocking. Their mission is twofold: to monitor the recovery of an impossibly majestic

yet, some 200 blue whales have been seen in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary so far this summer. Sightings have increased steadily over the past five years, with the giant creatures gorging on krill that feed on plankton in huge swarms on

the edge of the continental shelf.

1991, sightings were virtually unheard of.

Bob Pitman, an expert aboard a US government research vessel in the area, said: "They may have come from the north or the south, having found new krill or for more complex social reasons." Fast, sleek and none A cold-water upwelling where too gregarious, blue whales have prevailing currents meet the islands kept more secrets from science than too gregarious, blue whales have

IT IS hard to convey the sheer size of a blue whale, Balaenoptera musculus. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is co-ordinating the studies off Santa Barbara, has prepared a fact sheet: an adult weighs about 100 tonnes—as much as 30 elephants or

ENNIGHANT THAT DWARFS A DINOSAUR four brontosauri. It has a heart the size of a Volkswagen Beetle, a tongue the size of an African hippopotamus and a daily diet of four tonnes of the tiny, shrimp-like crustaceans known as krill. A calf weighs

up to three tonnes at birth, then

gains weight at 81b an hour.

species and to address a mystery:
why have they assembled here?
In one of the biggest concentrations

means that krill have thrived here for aeons. What baffles scientists is migration habits remain largely untuit blue whales have not. Before known, but the 19-strong scientific team has made some progress.

By listening to the whales from a special 300ft vessel that upends itself like a fishing float, the team has established that they fall silent when feeding, undermining theories that they congregated near the islands after deliberately alerting each other to the krill.

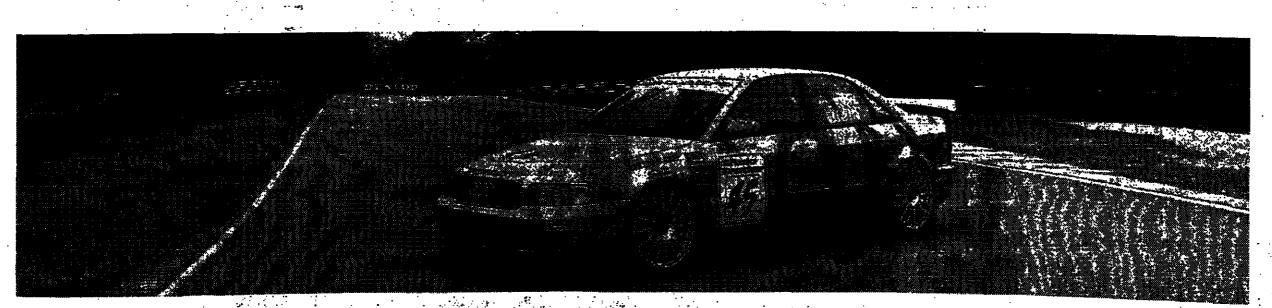
Efforts to learn how often and how deep the whales dive received a boost a few days ago when an adult was tagged with a radio transmitter fired from a crossbow. Blue whales, which have been known to dive to depths of more than 600ft, have been tagged successfully only six times in history. four of them in this sanctuary in the past month, according to Ed Cassano, the sanctuary's manager. Slaughtered in their hundreds of thousands by whaling fleets operat-

ing mainly near Antarctica, blue whales are thought to have numbered some 400,000 at the start of the century. That figure is now put at 12.000. Listed as an endangered species in 1966, they may be making a slow comeback; 2,000 are thought to feed off California's coast alone.

Captain Fred Benko, one of the few boat-owners able to offer bona fide blue-whale-watching trips, calls the deep waters of the Santa Barbara Channel a "cetacean soup". One day last week it served up, besides the blue whales, a lone minke whale, a large pod of white-sided dolphins and enough common dolphins to churn up water for hundreds of yards around his boat. He guessed there

were a thousand.

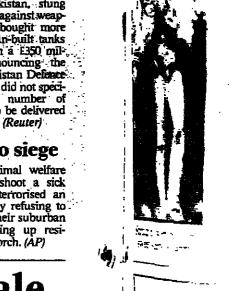
But Mr Pitman said: "The blue whales could be gone next year. They may just eat up all the krill and then move on. We don't know enough

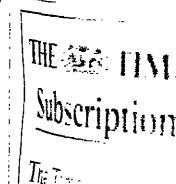


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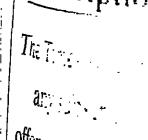
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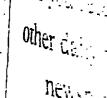




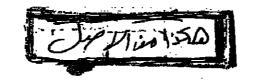


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From Quentin Letts in atlant/

A LARGE squad of FBI agents yesterday searched the flat of Richard Jewell, the Olympics security guard who is being investigated for the bomb blast in Atlanta last Saturday.

Special agent David Tubbs, an FBI spokesman, said the unusually large number of investigators at the Jewell residence did "not indicate in any way that he has been charged with a crime", and Mr Jewell continued to protest his innocence.

By lunchtime there had been no arrest, although he was being trailed by FBI agents, and forensic experts were conducting tests on evi-dence from his house. Mr Jewell was co-operating with law enforcers and was seen sitting on the steps outside his home, talking to agents.

Other residents at the Buford Highway block of flars were evacuated by police to enable investigators ease of movement as they conducted a search of the area.

The FBI, which has been criticised for the way it gathered evidence against the Oklahoma bomb suspect, Timothy McVeigh, was keen to be seen proceeding by the book. Mr Tubbs repeatedly said: "Mr Jewell has not been placed under arrest." Behind him, however, special incident vans and a mobile crime laboratory were pulling up for what looked like being a long

The Atlanta Games organisers faced questions about how a man with a chequered security record managed to clear the checks allegedly made on all people working at

Strug: now enjoying the

sweet scent of success

ell was not only dismissed from a former security job for "erratic and overzealous" behaviour but was also on record for having tried recently to impersonate a policeman and make an arrest

Bob Brennan, a Games official, tried to refer security matters to the telephone company that hired the security contractor for whom Mr Jewell works. But Mr Brennan, whose committee made the boast that Atlanta would be

> himself had planted. Earlier this week, the FBI confirmed it was including Games workers in its investigation. Psychologists have predicted that the Olympic bomber is a loner, perhaps a military man or a former police officer.

Mr Jewell's neighbours yes-terday described him as an unremarkable, though not unfriendly, man, who in fact still wanted to work in the law enforcement business. He may have hoped his actions at Centennial Park would improve his chances of landing a good job. In front of the cameras he had appeared modest, saying: "I don't think I am a hero." He was near the bomb when it exploded and

being cleared when the bag

exploded. But for Mr Jewell's action, it was said, many more

If Mr Jewell is charged with

the bombing, comparison will

policeman at the 1984 Olym-

pics. Officer James Pearson of

the Los Angeles Police Depart-

ment dramatically seized hold

of a suspect bomb and hurled

it to safety after it was attached

to a bus full of Turkish

athletes. The "bomb" was later

found to be a fake, which he

people would have died.

was blown off his feet. Police will also compare Mr Jewell's voice to the accent of the man who placed the bombwarning call to police 18 minutes before the explosion. The call was made from a public telephone about ten minutes' walk from where Mr Jewell was working that night.



Richard Jewell, the Olympic security guard under suspicion of planting the bomb, returns to his flat. He maintains he is innocent

Spotlight falls on obsessive man with a grudge

By OUENTIN LETTS

RICHARD JEWELL, suspected of the Olympic bombing, matches the stereotype of an American security guard: moustached, overweight and with a love of uniform and a frustrated desire to be a police patrol car officer.

Mr Jewell, 33, has a chequered history in security work. He was sacked as a college campus guard and he left the police after crashing a squad car. He resigned from the force rather than accept demotion to his old job as a jailer and was later arrested for impersonating an officer when trying to make an arrest.

Mr Jewell now lives with his mother

in a shaded condominium block in a quiet Atlanta suburb. Mrs Jewell is distressed by the commotion of reporters and FBI agents outside, and the sound of weeping can be heard through her door.

Mr Jewell went to work in April at Piedmont College, a small Georgia institution where he was employed as a security guard. He was dismissed the following month for "erratic" behaviour. His tendency to investigate the most trilling incident in the smallest detail simply did not suit the college authorities.

When Ray Cleere, the college president, saw Mr Jewell on television after Saturday's bomb and heard him described as a "hero", he telephoned the FBI to express his doubts. "We felt he needed to be checked out further,"

After Piedmont College, Mr Jewell was hired by a security firm that had won a contract to provide guards for the AT&T telephone company at the Atlanta Olympics. He was given duties at a site in Centennial Park, the central area later to be ripped apart by a pipe bomb. The contract passed to another company, but Mr Jewell was kept on the pay roll, his supervisors impressed by his serious approach to

The Atlanta Games organisers were hazy yesterday on what security

cleared by state and national crime information authorities. Any evidence of a security blunder will be seized on by lawyers representing victims of Saturday's bomb in any court case

Security work, one of the boom occupations of the late 20th certury, calls for a particular type of man -serious, with a high boredom threshold. More than having a "job's worth" mentality, such people take the view that placing petty obstacles in the way of others is what their job is all about. Mr Jewell, with his elaborate habit of calling people "sir", his beefy gait and his slow drawl, fitted the role perfectly.

Gymnast cashes in on gold

admitted that he did not know

what exact checks had been

Mr Jewell's consuming de-

sire to be a detective led to

suspicions that he may have

suffered from a "hero syn-

drome". After the blast on

Saturday, he was praised for

the apparent speed with which

he had noticed an unclaimed

green bag in Atlanta's Centen-

nial Park and alerted a mem-

ber of the Georgia Bureau of

Investigation. The area was

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A DESTRUCTION OF

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By QUENTIN LETTS KERRI STRUG, the gymnast turn down her athletic schol-

whose pain-beating vault arship. Her final vault, made ensured gold for the US wom- despite an ankle injury, en's gymnastics team, has said yes" to the lucrative demands commercial endorsements and name branding. Miss Strug, 18; the academi-

cally bright daughter of an Arizona heart surgeon, initially resisted offers from corporations keen to associate themselves with "America's golden girl".

The only member of the US gymnastics team not to have an agent, she said she put a higher value on the university place she recently won at the University of California than on mere riches.

Now Mammon has won. She has engaged the services of Sheryl Shabe, a toughnosed agent, and decided to

secured national recognition. She was telephoned by Presi-dent Clinton, fêted wherever she went and pictured on numerous magazine covers.

One Hollywood agent promised her "millions" if she devoted herself to capitalising on the Olympics gold.

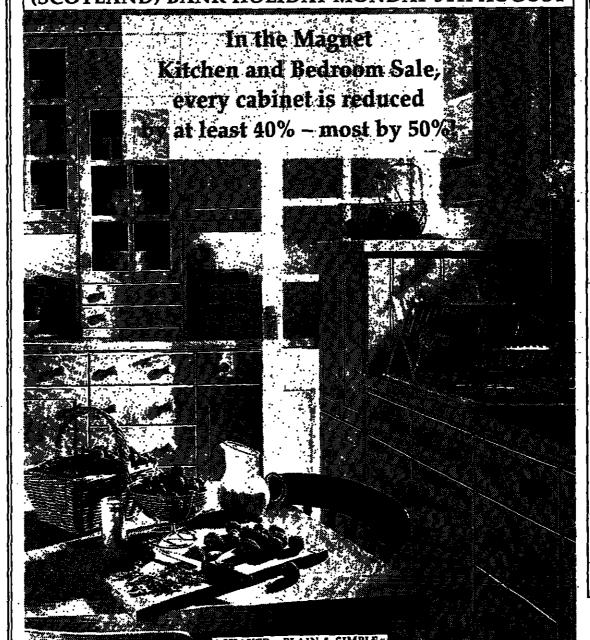
Mary-Lou Retton, Ameri-can gold medal-winning gymnast at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, has made pots of money. Her picture adorns cereal packets, and it seems she is seldom off the

Miss Strug will hope she can do as well, although a weedy voice may stunt the number of offers to do radio commercial voiceovers.

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Peru navy men held for drugs racket

SOUTH AMERICA

PERUVIAN police have arrested two high-ranking navy officers accused of run-ning cocaine shipments to Europe on naval ships, confirming a wave of revelations in the past month that members of the security forces are involved in drug trafficking. Colonel Pedro Gómez amd

Luis Cordone were handcuffed and driven from their naval command offices in the capital, Lima, on Tuesday night to a police station were they are facing charges of running drugs to Europe on naval ships.

The arrests come after several police raids on naval cargo ships docked in the port of Callao in the past month, in which more than 220lb of cocaine were found hidden in the engine rooms of the two ships. The officers arrested yesterday captained the two ships on various journeys to

President Fujimori said it was possible members of the security forces were involved in drug trafficking. His Gov-ernment would launch a mas-sive investigation to "clean up" the forces.

Police hauled 383lb of cocaine from a Peruvian Air Force DC& often used by the President, as it was about to take off for Europe with ten senior air force officers in May. The ten officers face trial for running a drug-trafficking racket which involved regular air force flights to London, Rome and Amsterdam.

Introducing a new weekly medicine and health page by Dr Thomas Stuttaford. Today: transplant surgery that has become almost routine in less than 30 years, motor neurone disease, fish in the diet, breast cancer and scabies

When life depends on the liver

the minor, undioccasionally affect everyone are ascribed by doctors to viruses; in France the liver gets the blame. French bathroom cupboards are filled with mysterious medicines prescribed by their doctors for liver disorders, and the patients are assured that by taking them they will lose their headaches and joint pains, feel less tired, have their appetites restored and their bowels regulated.

The pattern of drinking in France means there is more liver disease, but less heart trouble, than there is here: but even in a London bar or at a dinner party regular drinkers still spare an anxious thought for their liver function.

Livers are essential and misuse can — on rare occasions - destroy them, but it is a common error to equate liver disease solely with alcoholism. Whether a teetotaller or an alcoholic, a person's liver is subject to a host of diseases which can occur at any age and can, if they result in liver failure, need immediate specialist attention. Liver transplantation — the last resort in treatment for liver disease has so improved that a recent newspaper report about a three-year-old girl who had been flown in a police helicopter from Wales to King's College Hospital in London for a transplant warranted no more than a small paragraph

on the back page. A doctor at the hospital, asked this week about the girl, said: "She continues to make good progress. Why are you so interested in her? She's a routine case, of no special medical interest." Within a generation pioneering surgery has become routine.

Thirty years ago there had been no successful liver transplants in Britain - the first one was done by Professor Roy Calne in 1968. Five years earlier the world's first liver transplant had been carried out in Denver, America, but the patient lived for only five hours. In 1967, also in Denver, a baby survived for 18 months after a transplant but as the liver was still working at the time of death this was heralded as a great success.

he situation is now very different: Professor Roger Williams, director of the Institute of Liver Studies at King's College, London, says that in Britain surgeons are now doing about 650 transplants a year. The time is approaching when the number of donor organs will be inadequate to meet the demand, he says, but at the moment a patient who develops acute liver failure and is otherwise suitable for surgery will spend only two or three days on the super urgent list" before a suitable liver is available. In chronic cases of liver failure the wait-

Whereas 30 years ago there was rejoicing when the American baby lived for 18 months. today a patient having a transplant to relieve chronic liver failure has an 80 per cent chance of still being alive and reasonably well in five year's time. The odds are slightly worse for those who need

emergency surgery.

The present high success rate in liver transplantation is as much to do with immunology as surgery. Transplant surgery is a team event in which the skill of surgeons. anaesthetists, physicians and immunologists is equally important. The study of rejection. the destruction by the host body of the grafted organ, has become a science of its own. Three types of immunosuppressant drug are used to prevent rejection and they are usually used in combination as they act in different ways. The trick is to use low enough doses of each drug to minimise the chance of serious side effects. But doses must be high enough so that, when combined with the other agents.

they prevent rejection. Azathioprine is usually combined with prednisolone, a steroid, and either cyclosporin or tacrolimus (Prograf). Trials of the newer product Prograf. which was introduced in 1994, have shown it to be superior to cyclosporin in preventing acute rejection and has fewer long-term side effects.

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develops cirrhosis and liver failure is not beyond help. Professor Williams has studied the 5 to 6 per cent of his transplant patients that are heavy drinkers and has found that they do little worse than others after surgery. More than 98 per cent of them gave up heavy drinking, but very renounced alcohol entire Immunosuppressants play an essential part in maintain-

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Keeping a killer at bay

5,000 cases of motor neurone disease recorded each year in this country, it is not common, but for unknown reasons it is being diagnosed more fre-

quently. The actor David Niven's death made the public aware of its The introduction

of riluzole Rilutek for the treatment of the disease has sent doctors scurrying to their libraries to revise their knowledge of glutamates and glutamic acid. Although the mecha-nism by which Rilutek works is uncertain, it is thought that it might

SINCE there are only about achieve its results by reducing the amount of glutamate present in the body's

It is believed that in motor neurone disease glutamate accumulates to toxic levels in the motor neurones and Rilutek inhibits the damage it can cause.

Rilutek prolongs active life in some patients with motor neurone disease but it is not life saving. The manufacturers stress that although it not a "wonder drug", it is the first one which has ever been shown to be of any help in altering the course of the

No comfort for smokers

AS thin women are less likely to develop breast cancer than those who are plump, and as those people who smoke tend to be lean, it might be thought that in smokers the incidence of cancer of the breast would be reduced.

Furthermore, female smokers tend to have an earlier menonause, and although an early menopause has many disadvantages

— particularly in relation to cardiovascular disease it is associated with the reduction in the risk of breast cancer.

However, women addicted to nicotine can't. it seems, take any comfort from these statistics. A large survey reported in the European Journal of Cancer Prevention has found that there is no link between smoking and any increased freedom from the chance of developing cancer of the breast.

An itch between close friends

WHEN the German police arrested a 19-year-old petty thief in Hanover they had reason to believe that he had scabies.

Although it is unlikely that a burly policeman would be tempted to hold the villain's sweating hand, they decided to take no chances. Rather than offering him a lift to the station they chained him to the police car and made him trot alongside.

Scabies is an unpleasant skin disease spread by close bodily contact. It is found in babies who sleep with their infected parents, and in adults who are not particular about those with

whom they share a bed. The rash is caused by a small mite Sarcoptes Scabiei which burrows in the superficial levels of the skin; it initially causes trouble around the wrists, armpits and elbows as well as the genitalia and breasts. The itch, which is worse at night, is so intense that the skin is usually infected by scratching. After the secondary infection has been cleared, the mites are destroyed by the application of such preparations as Quellada or Ascabiol.

A heartening fish tale

A cardiologist finds a novel way of spreading his message

T ext time Chris Patten. the Governor of Hong Kong, flies to London he should while away the hours by reading a novel written by Dr Frederic uldmann. Dr Saldmann, a cardiologist who is particularly interested in diet and heart disease, has studied the effect of a high fish intake on patients with coronary disease and in particular those, who like Mr Patten, have had angioplasty — the procedure used to clear coronary

Dr Saldmann's research has shown that just two fish meals a week provide enough omega 3, the fatty acid found in oily fish, to make a substantial reduction in the likelihood of the diner having a heart attack. Dr Saldmann decided to put across this message in a novel. Omega 3. which is now available in

Before his patients were introduced to the high fish diet. 30-40 per cent of those who had had their coronary arteries cleared by angioplasty suffered obstruction in them again within a year. After taking the fish. the number of patients whose arteries clogged up again so

quickly was reduced by half. The amount of omega 3 is found in greatest abundance in oily fish such as mackerel, herring, tuna, sardines, eels, salmon and lampreys. The way the fish is cooked is important as it is destroyed by overheating. Smoked salmon, herrings (lightly smoked, as in Norfolk bloaters) or steamed fish leave the omega 3 intact but it's even better if it can be eaten raw.

Saldmann warned against those who try to reduce the risk of heart attacks by taking omega 6, as found in evening primrose oil, sunflower oil and soya, without increasing their amount of omega 3. The balance between the two is all important and taking additional omega 6 without compensating by having more fish oil could be detrimental.

Those who are not enthusiastic cooks can make do with fish oil capsules like Pulse or Maxepa. Others could visit Safeways, where they will find bread or pasta, marketed under the "Heartwatch" label, which is fortified with omega 3, or could choose one of the low-fat spreads, such as Tesco's Life and other stores' Pact which also contain the cardio protective fatty acid.

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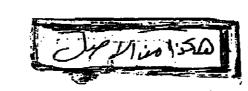
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Susan Tully explains why she left the security and near six-figure salary offered by EastEnders in search of new horizons and a fresh start. Interview by Mary Riddell

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xile has not altered Michelle from East-Enders. "What are You doing here, 'Chelle?" fans will ask her in the supermarket, puzzled to find her on the wrong continent when, as every soap aficionado knows, she is supposed to be in America. Susan Tully is well aware

of the power of soap opera mythology. For ten years she played Britain's most famous single mother, at first with delight and later with the fear of someone who saw her own life shrivelling away as the power of her character blossomed.

So she got out. New world (theatre in Hull, as it transpired), new horizons, new start. Nine months have passed, and Tully - to her credit - is still defiantly Michelle: drinking tea, smoking Silk Cut. flipping through her copy of Marie Claire and, occasionally, bouncing mal week, her storylines exup and down on high-rise plimsolls to inspect her new

hairdo in the hotel nurror. What dyou think? Cost me fortune." she says, in Michelle's North London nasal drone. You may have heard it, resolutely unmodified from EastEnders days, on Genderquake, the programme on the changing face of society she presented on Channel 4.

You will hear it, slightly muffled, on the football pitches of Ghana, in the next TV round of Comic Relief. Tully flies out to Africa tomorrow. the only woman in a 12-strong celebrity football team including Angus Deayton and Skinner and Baddiel. She had brought her sports kit with her so that she could fit in some training at the gym

football around on the housing estate where she was brought up, the daughter of a North London watchcasemaker. Hers was the sort of background in which outclassing the rest of the field never looked likely until she was introduced to the Anna Scher theatre, a school adept at nurturing talent in working- class children.

By the time she was nine. she was on television. In her teens, she was a star of Grange Hill. At 18, shortly after she left school with four O levels, she won the part in EastEnders which would render her secure for life.

Being Michelle encompassed everything she could dream of. A salary close to six figures. An entrée into a world of parties and premieres where she could dance and drink with established stars. And, as the role evolved. I could fall an acting job with underiones which lifted it from soap to social cleansing agent. On a nor-

> plored meningitis, abortion, HIV and the life of the single mother. On an abnormal one. dinner party conversations hinged on whether or not she would marry Lofty and who the father of her baby might be. Susan Tully, in short, had it made. Her background suggested that she would cling resolutely to lucrative stardom. Real-life Cinderellas and Eliza Dolittles do not normally elect to reverse the

Not only did she press the rewind button. She did so with no firm offer of other employment and no certainty. typecast as she was, that she would ever work again. By then she was convinced that her identity was disappearing. Careful as she is to praise her EastEnders colleagues. Tully first started kicking a an existence which had become narrow and stilling.

Even in the early days, the go out and learn.



Nine months after leaving EastEnders, Susan Tully has devised a series for Channel 4. wants to move into directing and is studying for an Open University degree

seeds of dissatisfaction were there. "I was IS, earning ridiculous money, and I lapped it up. I did the whole scene - clubs, parties, getting drunk, having a fab time. Then I just stopped enjoying it. Maybe I grew up too soon.

"I had to work very hard to create a life outside East-Enders. Kids aren't told to cone. The only advice we were ever given was not to give our bad day, it was a black hole I phone number to the press. dad helped me. They're the business, and they just let me

"I had ten brilliant years. But then I thought: is this all I can do with my life? If I get married and have kids, will I have to tell them that I've spent the last 20 years playing make-believe? I handed my notice in nine months before I left, but I'd thought about it

for a year before that. "On a good day, life seemed like a big, blank canvas. On a could fall into. I didn't know from the series, and the only thing I didn't want was to have to do crap to pay the

mortgage. EastEnders became emotionally and men-tally hard work for me. My world was very small and apart from one or two people I never socialised with the cast.

liked them all, but that wasn't enough. I could see friends and family enjoying lives that were becoming richer and more varied, and I was the one who was stuck.

scenario. If I never earned another penny, how long could I exist before I had to in Muswell Hill, north

sign on? I sorted that out, then for months the words were sitting in my mouth. I want to leave. I knew they would change my life, so I had to be damned sure I wanted it."

EastEnders offered her a vast pay rise, which she declined. They gave her a huge farewell party which induced no nostalgia. Nine months on, she has stayed working, both in theatre and on TV. She has also devised a move into directing and - on quiet weeks -- sits in her flat

London, and studies for an Open University degree. And still the ghost of Michelle lingers. "It's inevitable that I would be typecast. I'm sure it's happening now, but I don't know how much because it's hard to tell how

people perceive you.™ Almost certainly as rather brave. Endearingly, she declines to spin any sort of worthy line about how she gave up soap stardom to come a Really Serious Actress. It was just that she needed to do something dif-

In this week's Gender quake she got to dress up as a man. She also chaired an hour-long TV debate on the social issues aired by the series; a prospect she regarded as less enticing than having her shins kicked by Skinner and Baddiel.

She didn't know the members of the panel. Academics. think-tankers, people of whom she had never heard. And people who, for the first time in her months of freedom, were mercifully just as unfamiliar with Michelle

Blair's millionaire backer

Labour's richest benefactor is not even a member of the party, says Philip Delves **Broughton**

his pack in preparation for the general election, one man who might really make a difference to Labour's chances will be wafting around a cool villa in

Paul Hamlyn was until recently in hospital in New

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LOW PREMIUMS

s Tony Blair shuffles York recovering from complications after a routine operation. His £500,000 gift to the Labour Party, meanwhile. will be financing more than half of the promotional campaign for their new Road to the Manifesto.

Labour's glamour crowd is taking on the pallor of a troupe of ageing Bluebell Girls. At every fundraising event for almost a decade now, the same old faces have been wheeled out: John Mortimer. Stephen Fry. Ken Follett, Jeremy Irons. Hamlyn, on the other hand, never shows up. He is not even a member of the party.

His importance to Labour's bottom line, however, is enormous. A £230 million fortune and a propensity to Maecenan philanthropy makes him a good man

His charitable trust set up in 1987, now has assets of £64 miland has given money to the Bodleian Library in Oxford (El million), the Royal a year), and the National Commission on Edumillion).

to have onside.

Royal Opera House (£200.000 cation Despite the size of his donations to Labour, however, he is less

socialist than just mildly skewed to the left. His friend and business partner, Sir Terence Conran, attributes this to Hamlyn having grown up under the Labour Government of the late 1940s.

"Our views tend to the left rather than the right and we have a strong belief in democracy. It's not much more complicated than that." The son of Czech immi-

grants, Hamlyn changed his name early on from Hamburger. He was fired of being nicknamed "sausage". This self-confessed MEM - "Middle European Melancholic"grew up in an intellectual St John's Wood family, Aged 22. with an inheritance of £350. he started his publishing business from a barrow in Camden market.

Two fortunes were to follow. The first came when he sold his publishing company in 1964 for £2.25 million. He

amassed his next pile when he sold Octopus books to Reed Elsevier for £530 million, personally netting more than £150 million.

Apart from Conran. other close friends include Sir Claus Moser, the former Master of Wadham College. Oxford, and Rupert Murdoch, with whom he worked as joint managing director of News International in the 1970s.

It was through another friend, Lord Owen, that Ham-Ivn first became involved in politics. "He was one of many previous Labour supporters who helped out with the SDP," says Owen, "He was particularly good advising us on media presentation, but he is not a politician. Paul is by nature on the side of the underdog. He has clear ends and committed

views. Typical of his style of giving was his gift of £100.000 in 1990 for the specific purpose of developing Labour policies for the arts and cultural issues. Every season he buys out seats at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and distributes them free or at severely cut-price

Hamlyn: ruthless rates to those who

> Many feel that his charitable and business activities deserve more than just the CBE he received in 1993. What has prevented higher honours is the cocksure attitude he showed when his company published Peter Wright's Spycatcher. Friends close to the Tories pressed him to help out the Government by not publishing the book. He said that if he was to

be persuaded, "nothing less

could otherwise never afford

than a dukedom will do". Most of the business interests now playing footsie with Labour are doing little more than hedging their bets. The party's celebrity luvvies are squealing that Blair does not show them enough attention. Hamlyn, meanwhile, a dandyish, ruthless, rather sentimental figure, simply hands over his cheque and, seemingly unconcerned, retires to his Provençal home.



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Tears must not blind our MPs

Magnus Linklater on a wise

response to Dunblane

dvancing an argument against a tidal wave of er an easy thing to do. Anyone who was in Dunblane on March 13, along with queues of harrowed parents waiting to find out whether their children were alive, understands instinctively what they feel about guns. If there was one thing that united them all. apart from their grief, it was the deep conviction that no one, ever again, should have access to the kind of weaponry used by Thomas Hamilton to destroy 17 lives.

As details emerged of the lethal firepower at his disposal, that conviction was reinforced. The overwhelming cry was for handguns to be banned. Dr Mick North, a widower whose only child, a five-year-old girl, was killed. summed up the national sentiment: "For all our sakes, no more guns and no more

worship of guns." It is a view that has since gathered huge support. The Dunblane parents who have lobbied with single-minded intensity for the ownership of all handguns to be banned have collected 700,000 signatures. They have won backing from the Labour Party, from

teachers, unions, and the great majority of ordinary vot-An outright ers who have been ban on polled on the issue. Most people, when asked, in the words handguns of one Dunblane would be campaigner, whether "the rights of impractical 57,000 gun owners outweigh the life of one child" have answered with

a resounding "no". Hence their disgust on learning that not all MPs necessarily agree. The disclo-sure that the Commons Home Affairs Committee has failed to agree on a united policy on handguns and has come out against a ban on private ownership is regarded as a betrayal of the Dunblane

The realisation that it has split along party lines, with six Conservatives outvoting the five Labour members, has only served to compound the anger. The result suggests that an issue which should cut across all party divisions will. when it comes before the House of Commons, degenerate into just another political

wrangle. The immediate reaction. and the easy one, is to assume that once again, vested interests, in the form of the gun lobby, have won the day; that, just as change after the Hungerford massacre was limited to automatic weapons, so Dunblane will be followed by weak and ineffective legislation - a mild tightening of existing laws, a slap on the wrist for police procedures perhaps, a nod in the direction of more efficient vetting of licence applicants. Otherwise the gun clubs and their members will be left largely as they

That ignores two things. The first is that what has: could do to the Dunblane actually divided the MPs is not so much the principle of restricting handguns as the best way of achieving it. The other is that Lord Cullen, whose exhaustive report on

the massacre will be the only one that ultimately matters, is unlikely himself to propose a blanket ban on private ownership. He is all too aware of the impracticality of an all-out prohibition and the risks of driving gun-ownership under-ground. He is a man who prefers to work with the grain than against it, and I am willing to bet that what he does recommend will be far more effective than some of the instant and emotive solutions which are currently being

Those who have attended the inquiry have noted the time and attention he has given to striking a balance between the interests of the public and those of the shoot-ing fraternity — though there has been no mistaking in which direction his sympa-

He has shown a particular antipathy towards the use of rapid-firing arms and seems likely to recommend a com-plete ban on self-loading semi-automatics. He has spent many hours on the inadequacy of procedures for granting firearms certificates, on the legal manufacture of homeproduced ammunition, and the means by which a member

of a gun club can have access to as many as 25 guns if he wants. All these are likely to feature among

recommendations. What in the end may be more important, however, is the effect of his conclusions on national attitudes to the culture of the gun. In Australia, where the

on popular opinion as Dunblane, this has been a central feature of the debate. John Howard, the Prime Minister. has won impressive crossparty and inter-state support for legislation banning the use of military-style automatic and semi-automatic rifles by force of a simple argument. He has asked Australians whether they want to pursue the American approach, with its inalienable right to carry guns, or whether they want a safer society. The answer has been resoundingly in favour of the latter, with the result that legislation is likely to be in place by the end of this year despite opposition from a vociferous gun lobby. Handguns have not, as in Britain, been at issue, and will remain legal but can only be held under tightly controlled licence. The types of weapons used by Martin Bryant at Port Arthur

Port Arthur massacre has had

almost as profound an effect

will be banned altogether. Lord Cullen will want to take the public with him in just the same way. But he knows that unless the police, the gun clubs, the doctors, councillors and social services who will all be instrumental in making his recommendations stick are convinced that they are workable, he will have failed in his

purpose. The worst disservice he parents would be to listen too closely to the expressions of outrage that have greeted the Commons committee decision. and to allow the heart to rule



Crown and constitution

The personal problems of the Royal Family have distracted attention from the much more profound constitutional issues which would have to be faced whatever the royal personalities were. The monarchy is the pivot of Britain's constitutional machinery. Constitutional changes are bound to affect the functioning of the Crown.

This is even true of the proposal to remove hereditary peers from the House of Lords. That would leave the monarchy, with the hereditary offices of the Court itself, as the only survivor of the hereditary part of the British constitution. The exclusion of hereditary peers would be a further attack on the hereditary idea itself, an idea which once seemed so natural but now seems quite unnatural to many people. Anything which isolates the monarchy probably tends to weaken it, and the abolition of hereditary peers would be a small

step towards an elective presidency. Scottish devolution is potentially a much greater problem. Its critics argue that the proposed Scottish parliament will inevitably quarrel with the Westminster Parliament and will eventually lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom. In theory, an independent Scotland could choose to become a member of the Commonwealth, while retaining the Queen as Queen of Scotland. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have kept the Queen so far, though there is strong republican feeling in all three countries. Yet if Scotland does break away from the United Kingdom, it is likely to be as a result of angry controversies which may portray the Crown as an English institution, despite its long Scottish history. There is at least a strong possibility that an independent Scotland would become some sort of

European republic. The Welsh case is more remote, but is still quite difficult. The Welsh Nationalists certainly regard the Crown as an alien English institution, and have made noisy protests against the Queen herself. Indeed, the monarch is more remote in Wales than in Scotland, where Holyrood. Balmoral and the Queen's role in the Scottish Church form strong historic links. There is no royal home in Wales, and it may now be too late to establish one: it might merely become

a focus for nationalist protests. These devolution issues are much more important than those of the House of Lords; the European issues

We are all stakeholders in the monarchy, guardian of our liberties



The Queen in Parliament: tradition underpinning reform

of devolution. If Britain fulfils the full intentions of the Maastricht treaty, and becomes a subordinate province in a single European state, with a single currency, a single tax system, a powerful court, a powerful parliament and a single voice in foreign affairs and defence,

what role will the seven surviving Royal Families of European Union still have? The nearest paral-

lels are those of German history. The European mon-

archs will resemble the sub-monarchs of the Prussian Empire before 1914. They will be more like grand duchies than independent thrones. If Britain loses its international independence, then the monarchy, as the symbol of our nationhood, will lose its independence as well.

That might look like a triumph for democracy, but it would not be. It would be a triumph for the bureaucratic principle and for the European political class which fills the bureaucratic posts. Even if the European Parliament succeeds in enlarging its powers, as it may, it would still be an inadequate counterweight to the bu-

are even more important than those reaucratic government of Europe. over which the voters have next to no control. We cannot vote out Brussels. It is ironic that the triumph of the democratic over the hereditary principle in Britain which would be represented by the abolition of the hereditary peers may coincide with

the triumph of the bureaucratic over the democratic principle in Europe. The 20th century may have seen both the morning and the afternoon of European demo-

In the modern British constitution, the function of the Crown is to be a focus for the unity, the independence and the democracy of the United Kingdom. So long as the United Kingdom remains united, independent and democratic, the Crown will remain as a powerful symbol of

national identity.
If the United Kingdom disintegrates, and British democracy is subsumed in a European bureaucracy, the Crown will have lost its function, but the British people will have lost their liberty. We are all, in the new Labour phrase, stakeholders in the monarchy.

On these constitutional issues, which could change the whole functioning of the monarchy within the period of the next Parliament, the Queen can have only one chief adviser, the Prime Minister of the day. There could be a difficulty in this. The long-term constitutional interests of the Crown and the interests of a party which is only temporarily in office are not necessar-

ily identical. The Queen has the constitutional right "to advise, to encourage and to warn". She is certainly entitled to test these issues in detail with her Prime Minister. She is entitled to satisfy herself that he has fully taken into account the impact on the monarchy of the constitutional decisions of the Government: indeed it is her job.

he can only do that if her

immediate civil servants, the senior Court officials, are the equals in weight and experience of the Prime Minister's civil servants in handling these matters. The Queen needs to be as well briefed on all these constitutional issues as will be the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister himself. She has great personal experience, but that cannot be enough to enable her to ask all the detailed questions which the monarch — any monarch — ought to ask. David Heathcoat-Amory resigned partly because he feels that there is a Civil Service tide in the direction of a European federal government which no individual minister - even in the Treasury or Foreign Office — can effectively question. On all these issues, the Queen is in the Heathcoat-Amory trap. It takes a bureaucracy to question the onward march of a rival bureaucracy through the committee rooms - it is impossible even for a prime minister on his own.

If the Crown's proper input into these constitutional discussions is to be adequately prepared, there will need to be reinforcement at Windsor. This is not the job for which the present Court officials were hired; what the Queen now needs is the advice of people who have seen the world from the point of view of a permanent secretary or a senior ambassador. She must have her own heavyweights if she is not to be overwhelmed in the Whitehall battles of the small print. It was, after all, the small print of the Act of Settlement, 1701, which put her on the throne.

The title is more than academic

Roger Scruton

wants fewer

professors

Professor was once a rare title in Britain, a mark of distinction which indicated that someone competed successfully for a chair. Chairs were few and far between, and the privileges attached to them carried a duty to live up to the title. This was especially so in my own field of philosophy, where posts named after benefactors or famous people stood like beacons above the intellectual landscape. Whoever occupied the White's Chair of moral philosophy or the Wykeham Chair of logic at Oxford did so not because he was good at a certain job but because he was as eminent as an academic

philosopher could be.

The reputation of those chairs remains. But by an inexorable process, the title of professor has lost its dignity. The expansion of the universities during the 1950s and 1960s produced a plethora of chairs, and only a meagre fund of talent from which to fill them. It was inevitable that the curriculum, too, would then expand, in order to provide for students who lacked the capacity for scholarship and needed "relevance" instead. New subjects were constructed for political rather than intellectual reasons: cultural studies, social work, media studies, women's studies, peace studies, "education", and international relations - each with its salaried professoriat, its "learned" journals, "peer assessment", and higher degrees. Finally, in a move to which almost no one objected, the polytechnics were renamed as universities, so that a new wave of "university professors" emerged from the ranks of those who were so intellectually feeble that they had not been able to obtain a university lectureship even during the Sixties. when lectureships were two a penny.

It is not surprising, then, that Oxford academics, who could obtain the title of professor in the twinkle of an eye elsewhere, should have pressed the university to confer it on them in any case. In a heroic gesture of capitulation, Oxford has created 162 new professors, who will have the title but no chairs, so that only those who are already able to tell the difference between first-rate and second-rate scholarship will know which Oxford professor truly deserves the title. And for such people the title serves no function in any

oes this matter? I am inclined to think that it does. One of the valuable features of the British university system is that intellectual distinction has always been recognised as a good in itself a good that has nothing to do with teaching or administration. The title of professor was the sign of this. You knew that someone who enjoyed if stood above the heads of his colleagues: his works and thoughts were to that extent more worthy of study. and he himself more worthy of esteem. There was an intellectual status to which the academic life could lead, which had no equivalent in terms of money or power, and which was also recognised by the world outside. The title was a public acknowledgement of this status and a way in which the university legitimised its scholarly isolation.

In America, the title of professor is borne by every university teacher. Professor means teacher; and to be called professor is no different from being called "sir" by children in a classroom. This suits the American temperament and it accords with the egalitarian nature of American education, in which any student, however dismal his talents, can collect a degree, simply by signing on for the right courses and repeating what his "professor" wants to hear. The "grade inflation" which affects American degrees affects also the titles of those who teach for them. For every Professor Quine or Kripke, there are a hundred others teaching Elvis, aerobics, feminism, marketing, football, "queer theory" or whatever is in your professor's head today.

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The professors themselves begin to sec their role in political terms, hoping thereby to attract the admiration of their students and the attention of the world outside. Political correctness is one result of this. Another is the literature of American feminism: attention-seeking screams from small-minded hysterics, for whom the title of professor is the beginning and not the end of their labours. In such circumstances, to be a professor is less a mark of

distinction than a licence to bore. Many complaints have been made against the politicisation of our universities. Until now, however, these complaints have been largely ungrounded. By holding on to the distinction between the university and the polytechnic, our educational system explicitly acknowledged the difference between disinterested learning and the pursuit of "relevance".

Little by little, however, we are moving in the American direction. where there will be a degree for every student, and a title for every teacher. Only those who already have an education will know where to look for it; while those who have no education will encounter it only by chance.

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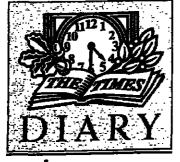
NOWHERE has lan Botham and Allan Lamb's libel defeat been greeted with more sorrow than at the Indus Indian restaurant in Doncaster. Botham had booked his favourite curry house for a triumphal feast this weekend and eyes were watering in anticipation of a blow-out to make even his binges look like afternoon tea at Lord's.

Botham is booked to take a party of 15 for a night out at the restaurant owned by Karim Din. who acted as a character witness for him in the trial. A special fresh lobster banquet was planned by staff, who are clearly in awe of Beefy's prodigious appetite.

"He eats a lot of food. He can eat

a hell of a lot," says Din's son, John, reverently. "He's been coming here for about 20 years and we send him food for his charity walks. He loves his onion bhajis. We gave him 300 to last the week last time. He can eat them."

A week's provisions to blast Botham on his way doesn't stop there. "A hundred spare wings (sic), 120 seekh kebabs, 100 mincemeat kebabs, 60 tandoori chickens. 50 king prawns, 130 chicken tikkas and 40 portions of rice," lists John



of one Botham order. "He had a few friends with him." At the Indus they hope Botham will still drop in to cheer himself up. "But perhaps it will be a little less extravagant." Local residents are said to be more than a little relieved.

Shove over

THERE has been an extra edge to the sweaty struggles in the Olym-pic freestyle wrestling ring, where brother has been pitched against brother. Luchman and Elmadi Zhabrailov are Chechens who refused to compete for Russia because of the political situation. So Luchman, 34, turned out for Moldavia and Elmadi, 30, was adopted by faraway Kazakhstan. On Tuesday they were drawn against each other. It was a slippery and close-run thing but youth

won the day. "In our culture youth respects the elders and it's the young guys who lose to the older guys," moaned Luchman. But there was no bitterness. Elmadi is now going for gold and the coach shouting him on from the corner is one Luchman Zhabrailov. "Wrestling him is like wrestling me." said Elmadi.

Bye line

RUMOURS at the Evening Standard. London's local newspaper. were flying faster than grouse over heather moors yesterday with journalists expecting an imminent announcement about their tweedy Editor and liberator of Port Stan-

ley. Max Hastings. Ever since Max's overlord Sir David English was seen taking lunch recently with Dominic Lawson, the Editor of The Sunday Telegraph, gossip-mongers have been hard at it. A fishing holiday to leeland with the paper's proprietor Lord Rothermere confirmed their worst fears: Rothermere was letting the old boy down gently, perhaps with a "promotion" upstairs.

But by yesterday evening, as School. Newcastle. Ten years ago, hardened newsmen became quivhe told Alan Shearer that a career ering jellies in the fevered atmoin professional football might not sphere, no announcement came. be such a good idea. A £15 million Max was on another holiday, with transfer later, and Wallace's advice his friend Michael Green, head of ranks with Daedalus's suggestion that Icarus go get himself a tan: When Alan said he wanted to be a Carlton, and executives began to reassure themselves. "I've never known a rumour about an Editor professional footballer I said: 'Pull that has been right," said one. the other one." There's always a first time. Worse. Shearer was not the first pupil Wallace had poorly advised.

Class acts

SCHOOLBOY Geordies are advised to ignore any careers advice offered by Ram Wallace, deputy headmaster of Gosforth High



strumming was leading nowhere. Knopfler of course then found Croesan riches with Dire Straits, the hugely successful pop group.

He also told the guitarist Mark Knopfler that his adolescent

Family politics VIRGINIA Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is empire building. Yet another member of the extend ed Bottomley family is now involved in politics. But Tristram Hunt, her cousin, is working as a backroom boy for the Labour leader, Tony Blair.

Tristram's mother, Perdita Hunt, is well-placed as the head of communications at the National Heritage Memorial Fund, which allocates lottery funds, and she is directly accountable to Mrs Bottomley. Young Tristram, who just picked up a First in History from Trinity College. Cambridge.



David Wynne: Princess's trust?

started a few days ago in Blair's office at the House of Commons. The job is not too exacting: he only spends two days a week there.

 While his estranged wife cuts her links with 100 charities, the Prince of Wales will be taking unusual interest in one particular charity. Press reports at the weekend focused on a fine-looking chap by the name of David Wynne, an administrator with the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts who's off to work for the Princess. Prince Charles is ABSA's patron.

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LACK OF VISION

Oflot needs better direction

The Office of the National Lottery's self-proclaimed "vision" is to be "recognised as the independent regulator... and to play our part in ensuring that the UK National Lottery becomes the best run lottery in the world". Though it pronounces no verdict on these ambitions, it is hard to imagine that the Public Accounts Committee believes that Oflot has yet hit this target. Yesterday its MPs charged Oflot's Director-General, Peter Davis, with "serious errors of judgment" and spelled out defects in the supervision and choice of the lottery operators. Camelot. The report underlines that Oflot cannot realise its aims under Mr Davis.

As the State transfers economic activity from its own domain to the private sector, so the importance of ensuring high-quality regulation grows. Successful regulation requires integrity, transparency and judgment. These elements must combine effectively not only to ensure that the regulator acts "with all due propriety" but so that everyone can feel sure that there is no possibility of impropriety. Nobody has suggested that Mr Davis breached any rules by accepting travel in America from a firm taking an important role in the establishment of the lottery. The award of the lottery franchise had already been made when Mr Davis travelled, and he declared the journeys.

What understandably surprised the MPs was that Mr Davis had difficulty seeing that taking free flights from a lottery contractor might raise questions about his impartiality. The simplest way to avoid clouding a regulatory organisation's reputation is to avoid activities incompatible with strict, evident neutrality. As the rebukes from both the Select Committee and the Heritage Secretary have implied, Mr Davis's mistake was not a failure to respect rules, but a failure to realise that the taxpayer would happily have paid for his flights in order to leave his office untainted by suspicion.

The charge that Mr Davis has exercised his responsibilities in a passive and unimaginative way runs through the MPs other criticisms of Oflot's reluctance to be tougher with Camelot. The committee's extended interview with Mr Davis corroborates this charge more convincingly than the MPs' report itself. Mr Davis is revealed as instinctively reluctant to act in the open and as a man with a feeble grasp of serving the public interest. The picture now assembled of how Mr Davis came to select Camelot was only put together with difficulty in separate inquiries by the National Audit Office and by the Public Accounts Committee. In Oflot's recent annual report. Mr Davis hints at his objection to being second-guessed by re-marking that his balance of priorities "can easily be criticised by those who would prefer a different judgment to have been made". The carping, in other words, is sour grapes from disappointed bidders.

If Mr Davis aimed this barb at the MPs. the claim is absurd. The committee does not say that Camelot should not have been awarded the franchise for the lottery. They do repeatedly say that the way in which the factors were weighed left them worried. Their report is not designed to make Mr Davis change his mind but to get him to take a wider view of his task. They several times urge Oflot's Director-General to take "a more active approach" or a "strong and active role", plainly irritated by Mr Davis's restricted definition of his duties. Should it really be necessary for the MPs to spell out to Mr Davis that he should ensure that all bidders are treated fairly? The MPs thought they needed to, because Mr Davis had reminded them that he had no legal duty to promote competition or a level playing field.

The committee's report leaves one impression clear above all: Mr Davis is not up to his job. Mrs Bottomley, who appointed him, should act accordingly.

CRIMES OF CONSCIENCE

Sincere ideals are no grounds for acquittal

A clear conscience cannot excuse what to many appears obvious criminal behaviour. The female members of a Christian peace responsible for thousands of pounds worth of damage. Their friends and supporters may rejoice at their freedom but broader liberties are threatened by suggestion that the law may be defied and property wantonly damaged in the name of principle.

Three women, Lotta Kronlid, Andrea Needham and Joanna Wilson, walked free after a Liverpool jury heard how they broke into a British Aerospace factory and caused some £1.5 million worth of damage to a jet. A fourth woman, Angela Zelter, who did not join the three saboteurs but helped plan the attack was acquitted of conspiracy. The women made no attempt to deny the damage but argued they did not have the criminal intent to be convicted. They defended themselves on the ground that they were averting a greater crime by stopping the aircast being used by the Indonesian government to terrorise occupied East Timor. The jury were happy to accept that the women did not have the necessary

criminal intent to be convicted. Sympathy for the women's political position would not be misplaced. Since Indonesia illegally occupied East Timor, a former Portugese colony, in 1975 nearly 200,000 people have been killed by the Government, according to Amnesty International estimates. Indonesia's President Suharto is ailing but his armed forces still display a brutal vigour in suppressing the rights of the East Timorese people. They

have done so equipped and, sometimes, trained by the West.

Anger is understandable. But there is no group acquitted of criminal damage to a justification for resorting to vandalism to Hawk fighter jet are sincere women of advertise injustice. That way anarchy lies. In previous good character but they are also a democracy like the United Kingdom impassioned protesters can organise, petition, write, lobby, hector and march. Sound arguments and good organisation can sway opinion and influence governments. Damaging private property is not the way to change public policy. The four women may have been sincere but then so, in their way, are the anti-vivisectionists and Irish republicans who defy the law in the name of ideology. If individual conscience is to be the ultimate court of appeal then there can be no guarantee of the order on which liberty depends. From Robespierre to Raskolnikov those who have placed their principles above the established law have found themselves moral desperadoes.

Justice should, of course, always be tempered with mercy, but that is the judge's duty, not the jury's. In the past juries have acquitted the guilty in order to spare petty offenders cruel punishments or, in Clive Ponting's case, because they may have believed the Official Secrets Act was being used to protect the party in Government and not the State. But it is dangerous for any jury to lay aside the law and prefer empathy to evidence. Justice is blindfold for a reason. The political colouring of an action should be irrelevant to questions of guilt or innocence. The Liverpool four admit their vandalism, and the court that allows them to escape the consequences of their actions is sending a wrong signal to many impassioned protestors.

PIG-HOO-O-O-EY!

Great Britain could win Olympic gold when pigs might fly

Pig-racing sounds a comical as well as an unpredictable event. The Gadarene tendency of pigs to stampede when prodded in any direction other than their own thrawn way would lead to more false starts and opportunist jostling than even Linford Christie makes. The low undercarriages and short trotters of pigs are not made for jumping. Nevertheless, a steeplechase for pigs was held yesterday at the Clogher Valley agriculture show in County Tyrone. There were 20 races for three dozen yearling Duroc large white Landrace crosses. They scampered down a track of 100 metres. jumping fences a foot high. And the runners ran under such whimsical names as Lester

Piggott and Douglas Hogg.
But pig-racing is intrinsically no more absurd than women's football or synchronised swimming seemed a century ago. In the primitive modern Olympics men competed at rope-climbing, shooting pigeons, and 100 metres swimming for sailors. These are events no stranger to an objective observer than racing pigs. Horses have longer legs and were painted by Stubbs. But dressage is

as bizarre as flying pigs. Pig has been turned into a joke by the obsolescent and dietetically incorrect British breakfast of bacon and eggs, and by modern factory farming of pigs caged in stalls, and fed on rations of protein pellets that will soon lead to a scare about mad pig disease. But pig was a fierce hero before he was domesticated. Mythology bristles with destructive and elusive boars that had to be hunted by the hero as a ritual ordeal. The pig often won. And pig was the ferocious symbol of English kings and the old English forest patrolled by swineherds for the mast.

The English have a familiar relationship with their domestic animals. Dogs look up to them. Cats look down at them. But pigs recognise them for what they are, and look them straight in the eye. Samuel Johnson. England's secular saint, saw their potential. Pigs are a race unjustly calumniated. Pig has, it seems, not been wanting to man, but man to pig. We do not allow him time for his

education; we kill him at a year old." The British invented sports and codified them in the 19th century. Most sports and games, from cock-fighting to cricket and pugilism were attractive as a spectacle for wasting time away from work and making money by betting. So the Prime Minister and Minister for Sport need hold no post mortems over Britain's "lack of medals" at the Atlanta Olympics. The Games are for individuals. They should not be league tables of chauvinism. Other countries have learnt the rules since London in 1908, when Britain won 56 gold, 50 silver and 39 bronze medals, some for sports odder than pigracing. But with a committee and codes of conduct for the pig sport, Britain could win gold at Sydney in 2000. No doubt Wisconsin pig-breeders would have a call to make their pigs run faster. But British pigs would have a flying start over the squat Vietnamese pigs from the Pacific nations who are so mortifyingly ahead of us at Atlanta.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Choice of new UN Secretary-General

From Mr D. John Shaw

Sir, For one who worked in the service of the United Nations system for over thirty years, your news and leader. "After Boutros" (July 25), about the continuing squabbles over the appointment of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations is a reminder of the urgency of arriving at a rational formula for electing the leader of the world's most important instit-

The role of the UN will become even more important in the years ahead as the interlocking crises of population. food, employment, migration, money and debt, energy, environment and human security — all with global dim-ensions, demanding global solutions

 take their toll. A number of proposals have al-ready been made in the general debate on UN reform concerning the electoral process for the Secretary-General. These include: serious consideration by governments of the necessary qualifications for the post; a single seven-year term; cessation of individual campaigning; agreed rules concerning nominations and a timetable for elections; well organised search for the best candidates worldwide; inclusion of women as candidates; highlevel consideration of candidates by governments; and avoidance of an election or selection process that would result in the appointment of the

lowest common denominator". Is it not time that rules of appointment are drawn up before the process for choosing the next Secretary-General begins? The job and the institution are too important for the old habits to continue.

Yours hopefully. D. JOHN SHAW (Head, Policy Affairs Service, UN World Food Programme, 1990-94), 112 Kenwood Drive, Beckenham, Kent. July 25.

From the Director of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, Your leading article today is far from fair towards Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali and what he has tried to do during his term of office. It makes no mention of the important "Agenda for Peace" which was published in 1992 and subsequently added to; and no mention of the struggles which he endured when the Security Council served our mandates to him in various war zones while failing to give him the resources needed to carry them out.

Nor does it mention his efforts, in a very hostile climate of naked monetarism among some of the protagonists, to seek a renewal of sustainable development priorities and environmental protection.

It is, in our view, quite disgraceful for the American Administration, the biggest debtor to the UN (as you point out), to sound off publicly on the suitability or otherwise of Dr Boutros Ghali for a second term in office. It opens up for close scrutiny the scandal of the veto in a decision which should surely involve all 185 members of the United Nations.

This association has long argued for a proper evaluation of the major challenges and priorities facing the next Secretary-General, of the characteristics he or she should possess, and of how an impartial search should be structured. As you rightly say, the question of single non-renewable appointments should be very seriously considered, with adequate safeguards being built in to ensure that what proves to be a wrong choice can be dealt with.

In the end, it is the quality of the person to fulfil the identified role which is of supreme importance, with gender, regional origin and other criteria being subject to that quality as-

Yours sincerely MALCOLM HARPER,

Director, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Whitehall Court, SW1.

Have no fear

July 25.

From Mr P. E. Crapnell

Sir, It may seem odd to find holy books in dentists' waiting rooms (letters. July 23, 25, 27). Conversely, on occasion they are not found where they should be.

Many years ago I became aware that it was the practice of one disorganised solicitor to administer oaths to the unsuspecting not on the New Testament but on a copy of Collins Gem" Dictionary.

Yours sincerely, PHILIP E. CRAPNELL, Knowle Brockley Grove, Hutton Mount, Brentwood, Essex.

From Mr John Harding

Sir, Mr Roger Cookson notes with dread that his dentist keeps a Bible in his waiting room.

Why dread? It is only reasonable that a dentist or any other medic should keep the maker's manual to hand.

Yours faithfully JOHN HARDÍNG, I Jennings Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire. July 24.

Insiders' recollections of Suez crisis

From Sir Brian Barder

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's "insider view" of Suez 40 years on ("How Eden erred at Suez". July 25) strikes me as extra-ordinary, mere for what it leaves out than for what it says,

We are apparently to think that the whole disastrous episode was attributable to understandable political misjudgments by Eden and Nasser.

Not a word about the fraudulent conspiracy with the French; nor about the intentional creation of a situation in which we would claim the right to intervene to stop what we had conspired to start; nor about the deliberate misrepresentation of the grounds for our attack on Egypt; nor about the lies to Parliament and to the British electorate and to the United Nations and to our allies; nor about the grubby way in which even most of our own diplomats were kept in the dark about what our ministers were up to - only a glancing reference to "secret collusion with Israel".

Such a selective memoir of these disgraceful events coming from one who, by his own account, was working for Eden at the time, is bound to raise an eyebrow.

Yours sincerely, **BRIAN BARDER** (Colonial Office, 1957-64; HM Diplomatic Service, 1965-94), 10 Melrose Road, SW18.

From Sir Donald Logan

Sir. Your reviewer (Arts, July 25) of Radio 4's Suez 1956 correctly quotes "an official in Selwyn Lloyd's Foreign Office" (myself) as saying on the pro-gramme that it was British policy to free the canal "by negotiation, with war as a last resort". He comments: That may have been the official version but the facts point in a different

That comment, and the programme on which it was based, are wrong: my statement - based on observation at first hand - remains amply justified.

alisation, until 14 days before the resort to force, a massive negotiating process was sustained. It included a mission to Nasser drawn from five widely different countries led by the Australian Prime Minister. By the beginning of October the British Foreign Secretary was deeply engaged in ne-gotiation at the United Nations with

From a few weeks after the nation-

General. Of course military planning proceeded in parallel from the start. It would have been folly to delay it until

the Egyptian Foreign Minister, the

French Minister and the Secretary-

the need for force was established. True, Eden may have held little hope of negotiation. But many of his colleagues, including the Foreign Secretary, were sincere in this. It was the report of the military that their plans. as developed, could not be applied after the autumn that made the French proposal for concerted action with Israel attractive and urgent to Eden, halting the negotiation and bringing about the "last resort".

Yours sincerely, DONALD LOGAN (Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. 6 Thurloe Street, SW7. July 30.

From Mr Donald Bush

Sir, William Rees-Mogg surprisingly does not mention the most disastrous by-product of Eden's Suez adventure. At a time when Khrushchev was holding back his tanks outside Budapest. uncertain and fearful of the West's reaction to any aggressive move on his part, Eden's futile adventure was a heaven-sent signal that our priorities were elsewhere. The atrocity of Budapest followed.

Yours faithfully, l Court Drive, Waddon, Croydon, Surrey. July 25.

his superior, Lord Keith, etc.

Nelson in Naples

From Mr George Tabor

Sir, Nelson's meddling in Neapolitan affairs and his treachery on the surrender terms are nicely glossed over in Tom Pocock's article, "Nelson, not by halves" (July 23), on the call by Italian historians for Britain to apologise for the hanging of Commodore Francesco Caracciolo on June 29/30, 1799.

With disastrous results, Nelson had encouraged Ferdinand IV. King of the Two Sicilies, to launch an ill-fated land attack on the French garrison at Rome. When the defeated Ferdinand crept back in disguise he was hastily evacuated from Naples to Sicily. where he remained grouse shooting and out of touch.

Caracciolo, Ferdinand's most eminent naval officer, stayed behind at Naples - a man who had no love for the French, and had actually fought alongside Nelson in a British fleet against the French at Genoa in 1795. But, like many other enlightened aristocrats, he loathed Ferdinand both for his unenlightened rule and his craven

When the republicans finally surrendered, the terms agreed by the royalist leaders ensured all French and rebei troops safe conduct to France.

Nelson arrived on the scene and unilaterally annulled this agreement, without reference to Ferdinand. Caracciolo was brought before Nelson and sentenced to death by a royalist court within 24 hours - a disgraceful act of betrayal, rightfully remembered today by all educated Italians, in an otherwise illustrious career.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE TABOR. Winscott Farm, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Alfred Latham-Koenig

Sir, Tom Pocock attributes the "uncharacteristic ruthlessness" of Nelson at Naples in 1799 principally to his

Unconverted

From the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury

Sir, I was intrigued by the assertion in your leader of July 24, "A depressing reshuffle", that I held European "federalist" views. Astonished by my sudden apparent conversion from a longstanding belief in open markets, nonintervention in industry and smaller

rather than larger units of govern-

ment, I scanned records of my recent

comments to find evidence for your

claim but can find none. Classical liberal maybe. Even Gladstonian Liberal at a pinch. Mild Eurosceptic, possibly. But Euro-federalist? I don't think so.

Yours faithfully. PHILLIP OPPENHEIM. **Exchequer Secretary** to the Treasury, HM Treasury. Parliament Street, SWI. July 30.

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"disturbed state of mind", following recent wounds and his conflict with

I think Lord Holland, in his Memoirs of the Whig Party, is nearer the truth when he writes of Lady Hamilton's "baneful ascendancy" over Nelconduct at Naples. We know moreover that King Ferdinand's wife, Queen Maria Carolina, who was a sister of Queen Marie Antoinette, had a visceral hatred of "Jacobins" and urged Lady Hamilton to use her great influence on Nelson to ensure that he showed no mercy to the Neapolitan republicans.

Yours faithfully, ALFRED LATHAM-KOENIG, 23 Nassington Road, NW3. July 28.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Winstanley (retd)

Sir, I permitted myself a wry smile on reading that Nelson has been branded a war criminal in Italy.

During the 1960s, whilst I was living in Denmark and serving at a Nato headquarters there, I learned from my Danish friends that Nelson is regarded as a war criminal in Denmark, too. This is the result of his action at Copenhagen, in 1801, when, in disregard of his superior's orders. he continued the bombardment of the neutral Danish fleet.

Yours faithfully R. G. WINSTANLEY. 6 Ravenscourt Road. Rough Common, Canterbury, Kent.

From Mr Richard Benyon

Sir, If Italy wants an apology for Nelson's actions, will we get one for Caesar's?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BENYON, The Lambdens, Beenham, Reading, Berkshire. July 25.

Rape victims' distress

From the Director of Victim Support

Sir. Home Office research shows that only a small percentage of women who are raped feel able to report the crime to the police and give evidence in court.

Of those who do, many have described the cross examination in court as being a humiliating event during which they are forced to relive the trauma of the rape in distressing de-

It is therefore an outrage that the Japanese student who was raped should be expected to endure 31 hours over 12 days in the witness box and be subjected to repetitive cross-examination by each of the six defendants' counsel ("Rape victim will not tell parents", July 25).

I urge the Bar Council to review this case and consider whether better practices should be introduced to ensure that victims in rape cases do not have to suffer such treatment in the future.

Yours sincerely, HELEN REEVES. Director. Victim Support. Cranmer House 39 Brixton Road, SW9. July 26.

Unbound glories of the ancient foot

From Mr John Leatham

Sir, Giles Coren is justified in being offended by the spectacle of most Eng-lish feet on holiday ("Turned off by a summer of ugly feet", July 26). The bare human foot should be a beautiful element of our remarkable anatomy (and is the one with perhaps the most complex and wonderful of our bone structures).

Take a look at the feet of the 5th-century BC life-size bronze statue of the Charioteer in the museum at Delphi, Greece, described a while ago by an American woman journalist as "the sexiest pair of feet in Europe". Presumably she knew. Or look at the feet, whether nude or sandalled, of other figures carved or modelled in antiquity, or indeed in later centuries. They possess an uncontrived beauty, typical of natives of Mediterranean lands.

The ugly human foot Mr Coren abhors is the product of our habit of confining growing feet in footwear too small and distorting. Our climate still dictates we do not go barefoot in all seasons, but our footware and habits should allow for the uninhibited

growth of our feet. Indoors at most times and outdoors in clement season (and litter-free places) toddlers especially, but children and indeed adults, should go unshod. Their feet would then be a visual delight, as nature intended them to be. for both Mr Coren and other discerning beholders of the generality of English feet. Moreover, the possessors of such feet would enjoy both pedal comfort and personal satisfaction.

albeit perhaps narcissistic. Sandals whose design replicated any of the elegant and practical (no-buckles) models worn in antiquity would certainly not detract from, though they might not enhance, the natural beauty of the untramelled human foot.

Yours sincerely. JOHN LEATHAM. Platchaig, Kilmorack, Beauly, Inverness-shire. July 26.

From Mr J. H. Wiberg

Sir, Big toes shorter than the next toe are not usually the result of injury. This was, in fact, an arrangement favoured by the classical sculptors.

Yours sincerely, J. H. WIBERG. 11 Oakenbrow, Sway. Lymington, Hampshire. July 26.

Olympic failure

From Mr D. A. G. Simpson

Sir, I have long admired the dexterity with which you interpret news to discredit the Government and in particular John Major. In the light of the measures which Mr Major took last year to revitalise British sport, your front-page report today that the relatively poor showing of our team at the Olympics "is particularly embarrassing for the Prime Minister" involves such a contortion of reasoning that 1 fear you may have done yourself a

permanent mischief. Many would consider the Prime Minister should feel most satisfied that he has already taken steps to improve the situation.

Yours faithfully, DAVID SIMPSON, 7 Wingfield Street, SE15.

From Mr Edward W. Clark

Sir, Our nation's performance at the Olympics is mediocre. But does this matter?

Yes, it does. It matters because it provides a window onto the world. We are a member of G7 and yet achieve performances which scarcely match those of the Third World. Our pride is dented. Our international standing is

Why? May I suggest three reasons: a Government that has shown chronic neglect of sport; local authorities that hate school sports and competition: and sports authorities that are amateur and shambolic.

This country needs an action plan fast if we are not to sink beneath the

waves at Sydney. Yours faithfully. EDWARD CLARK, 5 Fitzwilliam Road, SW4.

Like nine pins?

From Mr Alwyn James

Sir, Would your readers share my difficulty in explaining to the visitor from Mars that the man we honour as the fastest hurdler on this planet was the runner in yesterday's 110 metres hurdles who knocked down eight of the ten he was trying to jump over?

Yours faithfully. ALWYN JAMÉS, ! West Werberside Fettes Village, Edinburgh. July 30.

£15m transfer

From Mr Trevor Austin Sir, Goals to Newcastle? Yours faithfully,

TREVOR AUSTIN. The Old House, London End. Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 31: Mr Justice Nelson was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

His Excellency Mr Vassilis Zafiropoulos was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St

Mrs Zafiropoulos was also received by Her Majesty.
Mr Philip Astley (Director, Protocol, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was

present.
Sir Oliver Wright was re-ceived by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George and delivered up to Her Majesty the Insignia of Office.

Sir Ewen Fergusson was received by The Queen when Her Majesty handed to him the Insignia of Office upon his appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Botswana in Major Sir Shane Blewitt

Dube and Mrs Jones-Dube

was received by Her Majesty and took leave upon his retirement as Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to The Queen, and Receiver General, Duchy of Lancaster.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 31: The Duke of York this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Seattle, United States of America.

Captain Neil Blair RN and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Lancers, this afternoon received Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel A.l. Finlayson upon relinquishing command of the Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel R.N. Wertheim on assuming the

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alexandra will attend the golden jubilee Stewartry show at Wallets Marts Fields. Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, at 12.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Penegoes, Powys, 1714; Jean Baptiste de Lamarck. naturalist, Bazentin, France, 1744; William Clark, explorer, Caroline County, Virginia, 1770: Francis Scott Key, poet, Carroll County, Maryland, 1779; Richard Henry Dana, novelist, Cambridge, Mass-achusetts, 1815; Herman Melville, writer, New York, 1819; James Grant, novelist, Edinburgh, 1822.

DEATHS: Queen Anne, reigned 1702-14, London, 1714; Richard Savage, poet, Bristol, 1743; Elizabeth Inchhald, novelist, dramatist and actress, London, 1821; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestan Israel Zangwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London, 1926; Theodore Roethke, poet, Washington, 1963; Walter Ulbricht, chairman. Council of State, Ger-East Berlin, 1973.

Nelson defeated the French at the Battle of the Nile, 1798. Slavery was abolished in British Empire, 1834. Germany declared war on Russia.

The Warsaw Rising began. 1944.

Luncheon

Carlton Club Dr Brian Mawhinney. Chairman of the Conservative Party, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Cariton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell. Chairman of the Political Committee, presided. Sir Ronald Haistead also spoke.

The Leys School, Cambridge

H R Bingley (St Faith's School), V. Daphu, (St Faith's School), V. Daphu, (St Faith's School), H. Flanagan (St Faith's School), L. P. Twiston Plows (Ring's College School), T.R. I. Cox (St Faith's School). O. D. Grace (Stoke College), D. S. C. Guest (Stoke College), C. T. Murray (St Faith's School), S. E. M. Prins College School).

Durnam Umversity

The following have been promoted Dr John Anstee (Biological

Dr John Findlay (Psychology) Dr Brian Huntley (Biological Dr Jeremy Hutson (Chemistry). The following have been promoted

to reader: Dr Edward Glover (Physics) Dr Neil Goulty (Geological Dr David Gregory-Smith

(Engineering)
Dr Howell Harris (History) Dr Andreas-Holger (Philosophy) Dr Paul Mansfield (Mathematics)

Dr Rosemary Stevenson (Psychology).

Birthdays today

Mr Lionel Bart, composer, 66; Mr Derek Birdsall, graphic designer and typographer, 62; Miss Janet Cough High Mistages So Baulton Gough, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 56: Viscount Hanworth, 80: Mr Frank Hauser, theatre director, 74; Dr David Jasper, former Principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 45; Sir Richard Conge, Duriant, 43, 18 Robasson, Lloyd Jones, civil servant, 63; Professor M S Losowsky, Professor of Medicine, 65; Major-General R.C. Macdonald, 85; Professor W.H. Morris-Jones, former direc-

institute of Commonwealth

Affairs, 78: Professor B.C. Roberts, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science,

79. M Yves Saint Laurent, fashion M Yves Saint Laurent, fashion designer, 60; Dr Robert Spirik, MP, 48; the Right Rev Prolessor Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, 57; Professor Laurie Taylor, sociologist, 60; Mr Robert Thomas, sculptor, 70; Mr John Tomlinson, MEP, 57; Mr G.E. Ward Thomas, Abdison Yorkehin Two Tees chairman, Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television Holdings, 73.



David and Hazel Gedge, who are celebrating 30 years as organist and assistant organist at Brecon Cathedral, in Wales, were at St Paul's Cathedral, London, yesterday with members of their cathedral choir. Mr and Mrs Gedge, who with the choir will be playing and singing at services in St Paul's all this week, are the longest serving organists in England and Wales and the only husband and wife team of organists. Some of the men in the choir have been singing with 57-year-old Mr Gedge since they were boy choristers 30 years ago

Latest wills

Mr James Arthur Thomas Jewel Marsh, of London W8, Jimmy Jewel, the musical hall comedian and actor, best known for his double act with Ben Warriss, left estate valued

at £555,769 net. He wished to be creashes taken to Just ashes taken to Juan les Pins in France and strewn on the beach there where he had spent many happy hours with his lake wife and children; and he left £5,000 and his scripts to Vincent Powell, of Cobham, and £2,500 each to Alfred and Paddy Marks, of London N20, "who have shown me love and concern, with my love and gratitude for their love and concern when I was so alone", and the remainder of his estate to relatives.

Mr Peter John Ellison Male. of Ascot, Berkshire, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1977-80, left estate valued at £1.074.486 net.

Other estates include (net before tax): Mrs Freda Margaret Freeman, of Oadby. Leicester-.... £855,150 shire.....

Shela Gwendoline Harley, of Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk El,004,247 Mrs Sadie Lorna Owers Morris, of Marlow, Buckingham-...£914,123 Mr Ronald Thomas Smith

Pemberton, of Eccleston, Lancashire... Mr Thomas Phillips, of Haynes, Bedfordshire 1977, 887 Mrs Alice Marion Potter. of Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire

E1.003.209 Mr Michael John Scott, of Horsham, West Sussex E1,160,474

Lady Constance Avard Weeks, of Chichester, West Sussex£834,974 Sussex.

Archaeology

Mysterious glass may date from burning of pagan shrines

A STRANGE glassy substance found at an ancient Egyptian city is thought to have resulted from Christian fanatics burning earlier shrines. Animal bones and teeth encased in the glass seem to have come from mummified offerings consumed in the conflagration.

Large masses of the glass were found at the site of ancient Mendes, a city in the Nile Delta some 110 km (70 miles) north of Cairo. Mendes was occupied from before 3000 BC until the Roman period, and although farming has encroached on the edges of the site, still covers an area

small, with no sign of cattle or

of 1.5 square km. The glassy material was found on a mound called Kom el-Adhem, "hill of bones", which lies outside the £858,193 city wall and which seems to have been used as a cemetery in the Greco-Roman period. Thin sections were prepared and examined under a microscope, and most of the bone was seen to be from mammals, with some bird remains: the animals were

horse remains.

silicate containing iron, potassium and aluminium, but the low ratio of iron to silica precluded an origin as metallurgical slag. The high potassium level relative to sodium also made an origin in glassmaking unlikely.

There was no human bone present, so the substance did not come from cremation rituals, nor were the detected temperatures of burning high enough. The best parallel came from burned earthern and stone structures such as the "vitrified forts" of Scotland, and the local building material at Mendes, mud brick, indeed proved to be the source of the material.

"We believe that the slag is the result of the fusion of a mud brick structure which encapsulated animal bones and teeth," say the Canadian team who investigated the

Egyptian archaeologists have found amulets mixed with bones and horns of rams nearby, and suggested that they come from the burials of sacred animals. "Animal cults were always an important aspect of ancient Egyptian The glassy matrix was a religion," they say. "There are

many sites in Egypt where the mummified remains of sacred cats, dogs, falcons, bulls, crocodiles, ibises, etc were buried in vast subterranean galleries. Preparation of the dead animals was as detailed as that of humans".

At Mendes, they believe, brickwork tunnels were built to hold the mummies, and in a fire would have acted as natural furnaces. The silica would come from the mud brick, the potassium and sodium from mummification. The carefully prepared re-

mains would not have been destroyed during the Phara-onic period, and "it is more likely that the slag represents the intentional destruction of cult burials, in either the Persian or Christian periods" the investigators say.

The Persians are unlikely perpetrators, because the animal remains would have contaminated fire, which they held holy, but "the later rise of Christianity brought a prohibition of pagan rituals associated with vandalism of traditional Egyptian religious centres". Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 23:485-492.

of royal silver to be sold

By JOHN SHAW

EIGHT items of silver from three celebrated European royal collections worth almost £10 million are to be sold in New York later this year.

They belong to George Ortiz, a member of the super-rich Patino family. He lives in Geneva and the items were originally bought by his mother after the Second World War. The collection, one of the finest in private hands in the world, will be sold in Sotheby's in Manhattan in November.

The most spectacular piece is a lavishly-decorated tureen expected to make £1.53 million. The top is a lavish concoction made up of vegetables, shell fish, and game. Emerging from each end are finely-modelled boars' heads. Its pair is in the Detroit Institute of Fine Art.

The tureen was made by Thomas Germain, the preeminent French 18th-century silversmith, and is thought to have been ordered by the Cornte de Toulouse (1678-1737),

a legitimised son of Louis XIV Most of the elaborate gold and silver services belonging to Louis XV were melted down

Anything that remained was destroyed during the French Revolution 40 years later. The service was confiscated a total of three times by the Revolutionary authorities before it was eventually regained by the Comte's descendants on the restoration of the French monarchy in 1815.

The collection also includes two pairs of Germain candelabra from the Portuguese royal service and dishes by the same maker from the Russian imperial service. A pair of George II candelabra by George Wickes matching the pairs made by Germain is also in the Ortiz collection.

Wickes was silversmith to the Prince of Wales, and the candelabra were produced for the Earl of Kildare, later Duke of Leinster. The order still survives, and shows that they cost a substantial £154. The estimate now is £457,000. Mr Ortiz is the grandson on

his mother's side of Simon Patino, a Bolivian tin multimillionaire. The family have always collected works of art, and two years ago Mr Ortiz brought part of his collection for a three month exhibition at the Royal Academy in London. It was seen by a total of 96,442 people, part of an its which also visited muse-

ums in Moscow and Berlin.

£10m worth | Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Charlton and Miss K.A. Lewsey The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Clive Charlton, of Timsbury, Bath, and Kate, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Lewsey, of Tethury, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.W. Corrie and Miss C.Z. Cardozo The engagement is announced between Malcolm, only son of the late Mr Thomas Corrie and of Mrs Corrie, of Leighton Hall, near Shrewsbury, and Camilla, fourth daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Benedict Cardozo, of Motcombe, Dorset

Mr K.L. D'Amours and Miss K.L. Brady

The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Paul D'Amours, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Wallingford,

Mr M.H. Mansfield and Miss C.J. Doyle The engagement is announced between Marc, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Mansfield, of Hong Kong, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Doyle, o Weybridge, Surrey.

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and Miss S.M. Norris The engagement is announced between Nicholas Omer, son of Mr and Mrs M. Karnal Pasha, of Norfolk, and Sophie Mairéad, daughter of Mrs Bella Norris, of Perols, France and the late Mi David Joseph Norris.

Mr P.F. Rayner and Miss A.M.D. Gardner The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Rayner, of Leybourne, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gardner, of

Marriage

Mr B.D. Thornton and Miss E.J. Moss

The marriage took place on Fri-day, July 26, at Christ Church, Kensington, of Mr Benjamin Thornton, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and Miss Emma Moss, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moss, of Beeston.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Tina Cook, Tara Wheating and Tilly Wheating, Mr Giles Thornton was best man.

Appointments

The Very Rev (Arthur) Wesley Carr, Dean of Bristol, has been appointed to the Deanery of Westister in succession to the Very Mayne who retires in December Canon Nicholas Ayles Stillingileet Bury, Vicar of St Peter-in-Thanet and Rural Dean of Thanet (Canterbury, has been appointed to the Deanery of Gloucester in succes-sion to the Very Rev Kenneth Neal Jennings on his resignation.

Retirement

retired yesterday from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Jacqueline Kendall, Curate, Acton, Church Minshull. Worleston and Wettenhall: to be Curate. Helsby (Chester). Canon Dr Martin Kitchen,

Adviser, In-Service Training and Canon Residentiary, Southwark Cathedral: to be Co-ordinator of Training and Canon Residentiary, Southwark Cathedral (Southwark). The Rev Peter Knight, Assistant Curate and Team Vicar designate in the Ecumenical Partnership and parish of West Swindon and The Lydiards: to be Team Vicar, same parish (Bristol). The Rev Peter Mackriell, Cu-

rate, Hale and Ashley: to be Curate, Marple (Chester). The Rev Janet McFarlane, Curate, Stafford (Lichfield): to be Chaplain and Minor Canon of Ely Cathedral (Ely). The Rev Eric Masshedar, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Hartlepool: to be Vicar, St Paul, Hartlepool (Durham),

suspension of presentation having been lifted. The Rev Colin Mansley. Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Bartley Green (Birmingham): now to be Vicar of that parish, suspension of presentation having now been lifted.

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The Rev Robin Morrison, Principal Social Responsibility Officer for the diocese of Derby: to be Team Vicar for Commerce and Economic Development, Southampton Team Ministry (Winchester). The Rev Brian Nicholson, Vicar, St John's, Colchester (Chelmsford): to be Rector, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester).

The Rev Amiel Osmaston. Director of Mission and Pastoral Studies, Ridley Hall, Cambridge (Ely): to be Field Officer, Training (Chester). The Rev Philip Parker, Chaplain, Shiplake College, Henley -on-Thames (Oxford): to be Chaplain Milton Abbey School (Salisbury).

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BIRTHS WALKER - To Bruce and Nicky a son, Magnus Behedic Bude, in Hong Kong on 20th July. DEATHS

RASE - Elleen Mary, loving sister of Arthur and destrest sister-in-law of Patricia and beloved amar. Passed away peacefully in hespital on 29th July 1996 aged 73 years. Funeral Service at Downs Crematoxium, Sear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday 7th August at 2pm. Flowers or denations it desired to British Heart Foundation (of Bauringtons F/D, 4-6 Montefrier Road, Hove, ENS 1ED, tels (01273) 778783.

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BAYLIS - Fencefully in his sleep on July 29th 1996 after coping courageously with increasing disability, Bobert Funcis Sarlenus aged 93 years, formarly of the Indian Civil Service, them Moseley, Biratingham and more recently of Cleave Prior, Worcestershire, Enquiries for funcial arrangements to E. ESII & Sm (01386) 552141.

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FARCLOUGH - Tommy died pescellily at home after a short linear on 30th July 1996. Greatly loved Uncle of lan and Suranne and their families and a wonderful friend to so many. Private family cremation followed by a Service of Lineausylvine. family cremettom tottower by a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 9th August in St John's Chunch, Church, Surrey at 2.30 pm. Na flowers please but donations if desired to the Phyllic Tuckwell Hospion, Waverley 1 ann. Paroham. Surrey GO?

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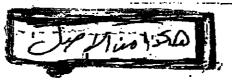
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Claudette Colbert, aetress, died on July 30 aged 92. She was born on September 13, 1903.

CLAUDETTE COLBERT was a stunning comedy actress, one of the last survivors from an era which produced such luminous screen sirens as Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich. Colbert was a very different proposition: there was nothing remotely aloof or anti-social about her. She was more like a Gallic version of Katharine Hepburn. e resourceful modern woman, whose wit and impeccable wardrobe were

capable of rising to any challenge.

Culbert had a funny rather than a beautiful face, with huge, round eyes and dark hair cut into fashionable bangs. She possessed an indecently throaty laugh which was once compared to a cat's purr, and a flirtatious Parisian manner which was not much modified by her decades spent in Hollywood. She was one of the few actresses for whom the Hollywood machine did not have to manufacture some ghastly, artificial travesty of "glamour". Colbert had her own glamour, based on intelligence and personality.

She never really escaped the long shadow of one film: Frank Capra's It Happened One Night, for which she and her co-star Člark Gable won Oscars in 1934. She could and did handle more weighty roles. But the public had fallen for Colbert as a screwball comedienne, and Hollywood

liked to give the public what it wanted. Lily Claudette Chauchoin was born in Paris, and French was her first language. Her parents went to New York when she was five, and she was educated in the city at the Washington Irving High School in Manhattan. She left school to study costume design, making her money as a stenographer. At school she was almost rejuctantly pushed into acting because of her fluent French, when a girlfriend fell sick before the production of a French one-act play. To her surprise, she enjoyed the attention. Afterwards, when she met the author of a play called The Wild Westcotts, in 1923, she seized her chance.

More Broadway productions followed, the best of which was The Barker (1927) opposite the character actor Walter Huston (father of John Huston). Her first film - The Hole in the Wall (1929) - was made in New York. Maurice Chevalier, who worked with her on another film soon after, La Grande Mare, recognised her nascent star quality even then: "She was lovely, brunette, talented and a delicious comedienne. And her English was perfect." By the time the Depression hit, Colbert was ready to make the trip to Hollywood. The theatre in New York was dead. Talking films had been the film industry was booming.

Colbert signed a contract with Paramount but, again with luck on her side, the studio lawyers had omitted to include a starting date on the contract. After she signed, she blithely told the studio that she would be back in six months. She had married the actor Norman Foster, boarded a British

CLAUDETTE COLBERT



Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable in It Happened One Night, 1934

freighter and took the trip to Bali for an

extended honeymoon.

She returned to take control of her Hollywood career and managed, quite brilliantly, to negotiate a large degree of legal independence from her studio this in an age when most actors were shackled to the most unyielding programme of film-making, and might be ruined if they did try to stand up for themselves. (Tough dame, that lovely frog," was how Capra put it, admiringly.) By not allowing her studio an option, she was paid for all the work she did, and the studio kept her busy.

There was a series of films opposite Fredric March: Manslaughter and Honor Among Lovers. She was cast with Chevalier again in The Smiling Lieutenant, which made a hotter property, as did her role as Poppaea in The Sign of the Cross, in which she played a very evil woman indeed, and filmed her famous bath scene supposedly in asses' milk.

It Happened One Night had already been turned down by Constance Bennett, Myrna Loy and Margaret Sullavan by the time it was offered to Colbert. Gable, who was then MGM's biggest star, was being punished by his own studio, and had been loaned to Columbia for the duration of the film. Colbert recognised the script as a winner, and brazenly asked for twice her fee at Paramount, if she could film it quickly during her four-week holiday. "Lovely and feminine as they come," said Capra, "Claudette had a mind as bright as a dollar, and a

The film cast Colbert as a spoilt runaway heiress who hitches up with Gable, the streetwise journalist, in nursuit of the story. It was the first comedy to walk away with nearly all the important Oscars: for Capra. Gable, Colbert and the writer, Robert Riskin. Colbert thought so little of her chances of winning it, that she was

boarding a train when the news broke. Colbert's intentions of becoming a serious dramatic actress floundered after her performance in Egyptian costume in the title role of Cleopatra. (The best line was: "Poor Calpurnia! Of course the wife is always the last to know.") Her best films of the 1930s were all comedies, and showed her typically as a woman of chic, humour and resourcefulness, with a taste for lovely clothes. In Midnight (1939), for example, the film opens with the golddigging Colbert in a third class coach, having survived a restless night. She arrives at her destination, uncreased. in a stunning silver lame evening dress. She played her share of independent career women: a stenographer in The Gilded Lily and a secretary in She

Gradually she had edged her way up the popularity polls to the top half-dozen female stars, even when her output was small, as it was in 1936. Her new contract with Paramount allowed her to make only seven pictures in a couple of years. This meant that she could accept MGM's offer to play opposite James Stewart in It's a Wonderful World (1939). The war saw her in one of the funniest comedy films ever made. The Palm Beach Story (1942). After Practically Yours (1945), she turned down the offer of another contract with Paramount. She was making more money freelancing: her fee in 1940 was an incredible \$150,000 for each film.

Married Her Boss (both 1935).

But by the end of the war even her that a mechanical element was intruding into her work. The Egg and I (1947) in which she played an egg farmer. was her last big commercial success. Bad luck also had a part to play in her decline. She had to turn down State of the Union with Spencer Tracy, because of contractual obligations; and she broke her back before she could set to

work on All About Eve (which went to Bette Davis in 1950, instead). She spent several years in Europe, for tax reasons, during the 1950s.

In 1955 she was back in America for a television performance of Blithe Spirit, opposite Lauren Bacall and Noël Coward, Coward, who had known her since The Barker went to London in 1928 and who adored her as a friend, did not rate her performance. Her need to be liked, which had shone through all her work and made her so sympathetic to audiences, grated on him. He felt he had nothing to "kick against" on stage, and was driven almost to distraction by her refusal properly to learn her lines. Their quarrels during rehearsals passed into theatrical folklore. "It's funny, but I knew this scene backwards last night" she said; to which Coward replied: That's the way you're playing it this morning." He added that he would ring her neck, if he could find it.

Colbert's career had all but wound down to a standstill by the time she made her last film, Parrish, in 1960. She played a mother, not a role in which her old followers liked to see her cast, while many of the younger filmgoers had no idea who she was.

Colbert was not one of those actresses who liked to parade their private lives in public. The failure of her first marriage, which led to divorce in 1935, was followed by her marriage to Dr Joel Pressman. This was also childless, but otherwise happy and Pressman brought a welcome degree of normality to her life. He had no interest in her fame, and used to go to sleep during her premieres. The only reason he liked to see her working was because they could then have breakfast together, at 6 o'clock in the morning. rather than allowing her to sleep on till 10 o'clock, which she did during her resting periods.

He died in 1968 only a few years after they had bought a huge 18th-century mansion in Barbados. Colbert had "a few bad years" but she decided to keep their island home and found some consolation in the warmth of the local people. She lived there for her last years, visiting New York less and less frequently.

Every so often it was rumoured that Colbert was about to make a screen comeback. She did not do so, and retained a very un-Hollywood-like dignity about her retirement, telling her agent to try to stop the reports of more big starring roles, because they were only embarrassing her friends.

She did, however, accept the occasional stage role, when the part interested her. She appeared in Washington in A Talent For Murder in 1981; and she toured London, Los Angeles, Australia and New York in Aren't We All?, during the mid-1980s.

Her last big project was vision mini-series. The Two Mrs Grenvilles in 1987, in which she played the mother of Ann-Margret. Colbert was a revelation in front of the camera. Now in her mid-80s, she still had the beautiful, unlined face of a much younger woman, and the discipline which half a century in the business had leant her.

JED JOHNSON

Jed Johnson, interior designer, died in the crash of TWA Flight 800 on July 17 aged 47. He was born in 1949.

JED JOHNSON was a close companion of Andy Warhol whose talent and determination took him from sweeping floors at Warhol's Factory to international acclaim as an interior designer whose clients included Yves Saint Laurent, Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall, and Richard Gere.

Born a twin in Alexandria, Minnesota, Johnson moved to Sacramento. California. where he became a childhood playmate of the well-known American TV presenter Joan Lunden, the co-host of *Good* Morning America. His artistic talent was not immediately apparent as a child, although his mother, Vivian Christophier, was later to recall that he was "extremely neat".

Bored and adventurous, he and his twin brother, Jay, set off after graduating from high school on a quixotic trip that was meant to take them to Europe in a beaten-up old car. The car made it as far as Los Angeles and the intrepid pair hitch-hiked across the country to New York, where they were promptly mugged.

Although he had no formal

training in design, Johnson taught himself about antiques and became a familiar visitor at New York's furniture shops. He got his first big break when he delivered a telegram to Warhol's studio, the Factory, and was offered a job sweeping the hardwood floor by Paul Morrissey. "We pay the same as Western Union. but at least you get to stay in one place all day." Morrissey told him. Warhol, the founder of Pop Art, quickly became infatuated with Johnson. In his memoirs, Bob

Colacello, the former editor of Interview magazine, recalled: Andy favoured Jed above everyone else at the Factory. He liked talkers, but he liked beauties even more. Jed was smooth-skinned, naturally well proportioned, fanatically well-groomed — everything Andy was not, Andy and Jed often dressed almost identically, but Andy looked like a rag doll and Jed like a statue."

Johnson helped Warhol edit his films and actually directed the 1976 cult classic Andy Warhol's Bad. After Warhol was shot by a deranged feminist fan, Johnson moved into the Lexington Avenue townhouse where the artist lived with his mother. In the early 1970s Warhol and Johnson went everywhere together, although it is uncertain if they



ever had a sexual relationship. Like Warhol, Johnson exuded an ascetic, asexual air. But as Colacello described it, their bond was certainly "more than a mere friendship". It

was more like a "romance". When Warhol bought another brownstone house on Manhattan's East 66th Street in 1974, Johnson moved with him. They lived there together until 1980, maintaining separate bedrooms on the third floor. They could often be seen walking their famous dachshunds in Central Park, Johnson was placed in charge of remodelling the house, and adopted the previously unrecognised "American Empire" style of the early 19th

Yves Saint Laurent asked Johnson to decorate his apartment in the nearby Hotel Pierre, and after that further illustrious commissions flowed in. Friends credited Johnson with interesting Warhol in "fine old things" and said that his influence probably moved Warhol's art in a

century.

more classical direction. Johnson left the Factory in 1978 to open his own firm, Jed Johnson & Associates. Three years later, he teamed up with his new companion, the architect Alan Wanzenberg. Their company quickly established a distinctive style - spare and masculine - that was reminiscent of the Arts and Crafts Movement and the Shaker furniture so admired by Johnson.

A hit with the design magazines. Johnson's work was regularly featured in Architectural Digest and will be the subject of an article in House and Garden.

According to his mother, Johnson had vacillated for days before taking what turned out to be his final trip. In a telephone call to California, he told her he did not want to go. But in the end he left to fly to Paris to shop for antiques and make connections for a new textile business which he was hoping to open. His mother learnt about the crash on television and immediately feared the worst.

As news spread, friends gathered at the home he shared with Wanzenberg on West 67th Street, just steps from Central Park, Among them were Fran Leibowitz, the writer, and Pat Hackett, the editor of Warhol's diaries. Joan Lunden left the set of Good Morning America to comfort his twin brother. Johnson was described by the writer Steven Aronson as "soft-spoken" but with "something radiant about him".

Jed Johnson remained unmarried.

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DAME JANE DREW

Dame Jane Drew, DBE. architect, died on July 27 aged 85. She was born on March 24, 1911.

A PASSIONATE believer in the power of art, Jane Drew saw the prime function of architecture as to make people more aware of the quality of their lives. Architecture, she said, was a human arrangement. She deplored the sterility of the modern urban environment. "Architects have to be actors. They have to play the part of those they design for," she said.

A forceful personality, she took charge of every stage of a scheme, dealing with the contractors with a vigour and efficiency which were considered astonishing at a time when women architects were still a novelty. She was innovative in her use of materials and exhaustive in her attention to detail. Her energy and enthusiasm could at times be a little

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overwhelming, but she had a great warmth and generosity and was always encouraging to young architects and artists. including Lynn Chadwick.

Many of her projects were carried out in partnership with her second husband Maxwell Fry. They worked extensively in West Africa in the postwar years designing schools and universities in Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and The Gambia and were responsible for the Architectural Association setting up the first school of tropical architecture. But perhaps they will be most remembered for their design of Chandigarh, a new capital for the Punjab which was. Pandit Nehru said, to be "symbolic of the freedom of India, unfenered

by the traditions of the past". Jane Drew persuaded Le Corbusier to involve himself in the project and it was he who redesigned the original master plan which had been

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drawn up by Albert Myer. But after this he would spend only a few months a year in India. leaving Jane Drew and Maxwell Fry to work on the project full-time. With limited resources at their disposal, Drew viewed the task as "an excercise in what you could do without". She persuaded Nehru, with whom she forged a firm friendship to employ more young Indian architects. and a prototype of each different house was built so that each could be lived in, criti-

> Wide public spaces were provided in areas of low income housing and ample canopies were designed for residents to take shelter from the sun. Though some criticised the town for its broad streets, designed for motor cars which few Indians could afford, the population appreciated her contribution to the project and a public holiday

cised, and improved upon,

before more were built.

was declared during her last Joyce Beverley Drew, later to become known as Jane, was born in the suburban environ-

ment of Thornton Heath in Surrey. Her father, a designer of surgical instruments, and her mother, a botanist, were an enlightened, although conventional, couple. They in-stilled in their children high ethical standards, a campaigning instinct and, perhaps most important. passion for art. "We never had enough money for stair carpet," Jane later recalled, "but we always went to the Tate

and other exhibitions." Even as a young child she preferred building sandcastles to dressing her dolls and she remembered watching as a housing estate was built up around her home and wonder ing why the houses had to be so ugly. She wished that she could design them herself, and after going to school in Croydon, she went on to study at the Architectural Association

Architecture at that time was a male dominated profession. "I could have had a squint and a harelip and I would still have been asked out." Jane Drew said. She was barely out of college when she married for the first time and had twins, but her fierce independence broke through veneers of conventionality. and the marriage was dissolved in 1939.

Her first job, in a profession still prejudiced against women, was designing mock Georgian pubs. But she was also a member of the Modern Architectural Research Group, an association of architects, painters and industrialists. "We thought we could plan the world," she later said, acknowledging their arrogance. But it was through this group that she met and made friends with such great names Modernism as Henry

Moore, Le Corbusier, Elizabeth Lutyens and most importantly. Maxwell Fry whom she married in 1942

In 1940 Drew established her own architectural practice. employing only female archi-tects. She also served during



the war as chairman of the Rebuilding Britain exhibition at the National Gallery. But in 1944 she followed her husband to West Africa, where she was very much involved in town planning.

Returning to London a year later she and her husband set up practice in Gloucester

Place in the West End, where they continued to work on the design of African universities. schools and hospitals as well as a Paris studio and a

successful practice to start the

restaurant for the Festival of Britain. But it was during this festival that Fry gave up his

Year Honours. Her husband, Max died in 1987 and one of her twin daughters from her first marriage also died in a car crash. She is survived by her other daughter.

U.S. SPACE CRAFT HITS THE MOON

From Our Own Correspondent WASHINGTON, July 31 The American Ranger 7 space craft, three days out from Cape Kennedy, Florida, with its six cameras clicking away for nearly 15 minutes, today sent back to earth some 4,000 pictures, most of which will show in greater detail than ever before what the moon is made

Ranger struck the surface of the Sea of Clouds at 49 seconds after 9.25 (Eastern Daylight Time) this morning, within eight or 10 miles of the exact spot on the moon at which it had been aimed from about 230,000 miles away on Tuesday morning. By the time of impact its photographs were already secure on impact its photographs were already secure on impact its photographs were already secure on impact its photographs and electronic tape at the Goldstone tracking station in the Cahilornia desert, where preliminary analysis suggested that items as small as a car would be discernible on the best of them.

The photographs will be made available as soon as possible together with the analysis of experts, who are particularly interested in finding a suitable landing place for the first man to go to the moon. It is for this reason that a smooth area such as the Sea of Clouds was chosen as a target. Ranger approached at

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The spacecraft American Ranger 7, with its six cameras running continuously for some 15 minutes, sent back to earth about 4,000 pictures of the moon.

some 5,850 m.p.h. taking pictures from about 1,100 miles above the lunar surface to about half a mile above its landing point. The closes picture taken covers an area of about 3,600 quare feet and the farthest an area of several thousand square miles. Because the lighting conditions on the moon were unknown, the two wide-angle and four narrow-angle television cameras were equipped with different lenses. Some of the photographs may, there-fore, be of little use, but officials were confident that many would be of fine quality and

Man has thus scored another triumph over

nature, and if the romantics are aghast there can be only admiration for the persistence, precision, and pertinacity of the Space Agency, which had suffered a dozen defeats in six years of attempting to unravel the mysteries of the that surface. President Johnson, in congratulating the men personally responsible for the flight, said it represented a magnificent achievement in the peaceful exploration of space, a tremendous technical achievement. and a basic step forward in the orderly programme to assemble the scientific know-ledge for man's journey to the moon. The Russians, as Mr Johnson noted, have

also had trouble in their effort to pierce the layer of cloud round the moon which impedes telescopic photography from earth. The President said that many of the Soviet failures had been unpublicized, but they confirmed the complexity of the task.

The Ranger space craft, which was launched by an Atlas Agena rocket at seven seconds after 9.50 (Eastern Daylight Time) on Tuesday, looks in flight like a huge dragonfly. A dishshaped antenna represents the head, two solar panels the wings, and a long cone-shaped body carries electronic equipment and cameras. With the solar panels extended, the space craft has a wing span of 15ft and is just over 10ft

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Later she went on to design buildings in Tehran, Nigeria, Ceylon and Ghana. But during the 1960s and 1970s she worked chiefly on domestic buildings in Britain, including housing at Harlow. She also designed the Open University buildings at Milton Keynes

with her typical geometric The establishment of the Institute of Contemporary Arts also owes much to Jane Drew who found its first hure premises in Dover Street and

later played a crucial role in its relocation to Carlton House In 1969 she was president of the Architectural Association and she also served on the council of the Royal Institute Ж of British Architects. In 1970 she was a visiting professor at

Harvard University. She was H appointed DBE in the New

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Gîte holiday firms merge after three-year slump

THE end of a British love affair with rural cottage holidays in France has forced the merger of the two biggest operators in the sector. Brittany Ferries has taken over the UK operations of Gites de France. Together, the two companies will have more than 2,000 gites on offer.

The deal is described as a joint venture. But in reality, the London offices of Gites de France will be reduced to a shell after three disastrous years of trading. The company's sales fell from 100,000 customers in 1993 to an estimated

campaign along the coastal regions of Spain is expected to

continue. The United States is considered a low risk destina-

tion following recent incidents

but passengers should expect

at least an extra 30-minute

wait at check-in counters. On

July 26 six bystanders were

wounded in a street shooting

MODERATE RISK

On July 27 a raid on the

Jakarta headquarters of the opposition Indonesian Demo-

cratic Party (PDI) triggered

widespread rioting. The ousting of PDI President

Megawati Sukarnoputri is

likely to continue to cause

unrest. Also in Indonesia a

report claims that thousands

of people, including foreign-

ers, have been victimised by

"criminal hypnotists" who in-

duce them to hand over jewellery and money. August 24 marks the twelfth anniver-sary of the beginning of the

PKK campaign in Turkey. This period has previously

resulted in kidnapping and bombings. After three railway

bomb incidents in as many

days, rail travellers in Russia

HIGH RISK

Bands of gunmen in Colombia are roving through small

towns in Antioquia depart-

ment killing peasants accused

of ties with guerrillas. A series

of unclaimed bombings plus

recent threats to US concerns

in the Pakistan's Punjab prov-

ince make it a high-risk area.

On July 26 a police station in

the central area of Lima, Peru,

EXTREME HISK

Algeria remains volatile fol-

lowing the killing of Djamei

Zitouni, the former leader of

the Armed Islamic Group

(GIA) who is believed respon-

sible for last year's bombing

campaign in France, an Air

France hijacking and the mur-

der of trappist monks. A more

recent hijacking, this time an internal flight, ended without

injury on July 24. The security

situation in Burundi is in a

state of flux after the Tutsi-led

army installed a junta govern-

ment on July 25, travel here is not advised. LTTE insurgents

(Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eelam) have damaged hopes

of peace in north and east Sri

Lanka following military ac-

tions and the train bombing

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20,000 this year. Staff numbers catering operators are in trouble. have been reduced from 40 to 15 David Longden, operations director

over the same period. The news came as Britain's biggest operator, Thomson, this week confirmed it has scrapped its French Riviera self-catering and hotels programme for 1997 because of poor sales. While the Channel Tunnel and a ferry price war has encouraged short breaks to France, summer holiday sales are 23 per cent down. Self-catering is the worst hit at 40 per cent down.

Kingsland Holidays, which specialised in France, folded two months ago and several other selffor Brittany Ferries, said: "Self-catering in France has been battered in the last couple of years and we

need to bring it back into context." Both companies have tried to improve the gite product. All-in pricing was introduced in 1995 in some gites, scrapping heating sup-plements and forcing owners to provide linen and towels. But many owners refused to co-operate, and there has been little renovation. One French tourism expert said:

"They don't realise they have to move with the times. Some owners provide linen and some, especially in the south of France, built pools but a lot of gites have remained the way they were 20 years ago."

At its peak, Gites de France provided 21 per cent of all gite business from Britain and was at the forefront of attempting change, holding seminars to inform gite owners of the changing nature of the British market. The company tried to diversify into short breaks, B&B. activity holidays, theme parks and ski holidays. These ideas were shelved this year as the company again locused on regaining lost

recent board meeting voted for the merger with Britany Ferries. No money is involved.

Other operators to France agree that gite appeal has been fading since Britain dropped out of the ERM in 1992 and sterling fell against the franc by 25 per cent. "Our experience over the past two years is that it is a very tough market," said Conrad Morris, gen-eral manager of EuroVillages. The two-week self-catering holiday in France has fewer fans. Now people are taking one week or short-break holidays and staying in the north of

The top-end market for villas with pools in France or large houses capable of accommodating two or three families has remained strong. But Brittany Ferries says it will put resources into rejuvenating the gite market, while cutting custs by merging sales teams, databases and

booking systems. It will move Gites de France operations to Plymouth and produce separate 1997 brochures for gites and holiday homes owned by Britons. The merger will give it a dominant share of the gite market and help it to diversify away from



By DAVID CHURCHILL

SEVERAL passengers on flight BA2015 from Aberdeen at 6.45 this morning will be the first frequent travellers to use British Airways' ticketless travel system, which starts its "live" trials on the Aberdeen-Gatwick Shuttle route.

The travellers will have arrived at the airport without any traditional airline ticket and simply used their credit cards to "swipe" through an automatic reader at the terminal. This will confirm their reservation, held in the airlines' computer system, and offer them the facility to change their seat location simply by touching the screen. We are the first airline in Europe to offer such an onscreen seat changing facility." says Gavin Halliday, BA's UK marketing distribution manager. "The screen displays real-time" seat availability

and enables, for example, two colleagues to sit together." Passengers are then automatically given a boarding pass and join the plane in the normal way. A similar "ricketless" machine is in operation at Gatwick for flights to Aberdeen. At present the selfservice system is geared to passengers with hand luggage only; those with hold luggage can check in via the desk in the

normai way. The new system is aimed at frequent business travellers who may make reservations at the last minute or do not want to go through the hassle of having a ticket reissued if they

change their flight. For the present, bookings can only be made through BA Ticket Shops or by telephone and a credit card is needed to confirm the reservation. Passengers who are members of BA's Executive Club are also asked to register their membership number as an additional security check and to ensure that Air Miles and membership points are cor-

rectly allocated. From November, BA will also accept ticketless reservations through Hogg Robinson and Portman Travel outlets, if the scheme proves a success, it will be rolled out on other UK routes early next year.

Visitors flock to taste life at court

RECREATING the past in royal palaces so visitors can experience court life as it was centuries ago is adding to their

success, Tony Dawe writes. The best year yet, in both commercial and tourism terms, was reported yesterday by the agency responsible for Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace and the Tower of London, all of which now feature displays capturing the

atmosphere of the past. The Historic Royal Palaces Agency reported a 9 per cent rise in commercial income to £28.4 million in the last financial year as the palaces welcomed more than four million tourists from 75 countries.

David Beeton, chief executive, said: "It is not our overriding purpose to increase visitor numbers but to give them a

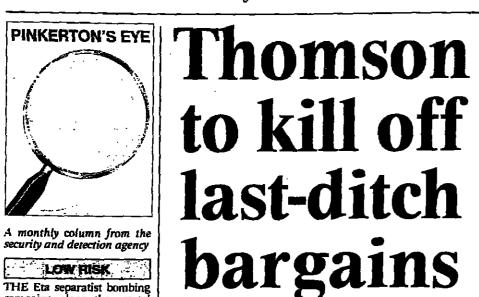
memorable experience." Hampton Court attractions include the world's largest and oldest surviving kitchens, with real fires, real food and real staff in period costume, as well

as the Privy Garden, restored to its design of 1700. The agency is one-third of the way through work at Kensington Palace to show how the Royal Family lived and the court operated in the early 18th century and also has plans for the White Tower at the Tower of London following the move of some of its collection of armour to the new Royal Armouries muse-

um in Leeds. The agency required £4.2 million from the taxpayer last year, however, because the cost of maintaining and securing the properties exceeded commercial income, but the ligure was much lower than in the past. However, the financial position means that tourists who have complained about the high cost of visiting the palaces - £7.50 a person on average - cannot expect



cheaper entrance fees.



CUT-PRICE package holiday deals advertised at the last moment will have disappeared within the next three years, according to Britain's

biggest tour operator. Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, said this week that holidaymakers will have to learn that the earlier they book the lower the

price, and vice versa. "It will take two or three years to turn the industry around," he said. "But we will

complete the job in 1998." Thomson introduced "flexible pricing last year in an effort to reduce the £86 million it cost the company in 1995 to dispose of 298,000 holidays still unsold weeks before the departure date.

Although the scheme - by which discounts are offered when the brochures first go on sale, rather than at the last minute - was not brought in until after Christmas, only 141,000 last-minute bargains have been sold this year, and next year Mr Newbold is confident of halving that num-

"If people are charting on their sunbed and discover that their neighbour has paid less for his holiday because he booked early, then it will catch on quickly." Mr Newbold

Brochures for summer 1997 go on sale today with prices about 3 per cent higher than this year. "But nobody who books now will pay that price," said Mr Newbold. "We guarantee to discount by between E20 and E100 per couple, depending on the cost of each holiday."

Computers will be checked each day and when holidays are selling well at the discounted price travel agents will be told to charge the full

According to Thomson's detailed research this should help to stimulate the market and reduce losses.

Thomson delayed the launch of its brochures for 1997 from the beginning of last month, when most of its rivals put them into travel agents. "I said that was a daft thing to do and so it has proved," said Mr

So far only around 200,000 summer 1997 holidays in total have been booked, and Thomson expects to sell more than that itself by this weekend.

The sale of Thomson holidays to Cuba has been halted because of fears that senior directors and executives could be barred from entering America or taken to court for

"trafficking". A controversial US Bill known as the Helms-Burton law is designed to prevent foreign companies from trad-ing with Cuba, and especially from dealing in assets origi-nally confiscated by the Communists. Although Cuba appears in the new summer 1997 brochure it will not be on sale until talks have been held at government level to ensure that executives will not be held

liable under the US law. Cosmos are continuing to send holidaymakers to Cuba and believe that by using only modern hotels they cannot be accused of "trafficking". ☐ Croatia could become a

popular holiday destination again next year. Thomson is offering 25,000 holidays in the northern part of the country after being assured that it was perfectly safe.



Once the merger is complete, visitors to Breckenridge will be able to ski at both resorts using the one ticket

Resorts link to form US ski giant

By Graham Duffill

TWO of America's largest ski resorts, Vail and Breckenridge in Colorado, are merg-ing to produce a huge ski conglomerate. Breckenridge was the most popular US resort for British skiers last season and the prospect of skiing two of the world's biggest resorts on one ticket will be an even bigger pull.

Although the resorts' slopes are not linked, six ski areas within a 40-mile stretch of Autoroute 70 will now be owned by one company and a tle bus connections seems a certainty. Andy Daley, president of Vail Associates, says that is unlikely to happen before the 1997-98 season and will require the permission of the trade commission.

Andy Perrin. Crystal holidays marketing director, says: "It's brilliant news and there will be a lot of pressure on the owners to get over the problems of putting the re-sorts on the same lift ticket and have it ready for this

"British skiing holidays to the States average 12 days and most skiers stay in Breckenridge and ski for a day in Vail. Now they will be able to travel just 40 minutes down the road and ski what have been the two most popular resorts on one ticket. Lots of people hire cars and they will be able to

zip around at will." For the skier who is not put off by being in a huge Floridastyle theme park it will be the ultimate ski area. Vail is already so large that the town stretches along three exits from the autoroute, bas a collection of multi-storey car parks, an outer and inner ring

road and 1,100 ski instructors. Breckenridge's skiing occupies half the area but is still across four linked mountains. The smaller resorts of Beaver

Creek, known for its luxuri- ridge last year. A total of ous homes. Keystone, which 25,000 chose America, with up has night skiing until IIpm

and Arapahoe Basin, with skiing at more than 12,000 feet allowing it to stay open until June, would be included in five million skier-days a year

The new company, Vail Resorts, estimates it will sell and generate an annual turnover of \$300 million. Around 3,000 British skiers went with tour operators to Breckento 10,000 more making their own travel arrangements. For years the number of

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skiers travelling to America was static at a negligible 10,000-20,000, an interesting ski holiday for those who could afford £1.000 a head. Now they cost around £600 a head to the US, with Canada as little cheap as £400. Last season. Canada alone took more than 30,000 skiers.

Dubai steps up tourist drive

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

EMIRATES, the award-winning airline based in Dubai, has increased seat capacity for its flights into Heathrow and Gatwick with the introduction of two Boeing 777s.

The arrival of the 303-seater aircraft is a measure of Dubai's leap towards a tourist future. The airline, which started with only two aircraft a decade ago, took delivery of its second £125 million Boeing 777 last month. Another five of the

world's most advanced aircraft will join the Emirates fleet in the next year to enhance its reputation as the world's best long-haul airline.

Only 30 years after the discovery of oil transformed Dubai from little more than a Bedouin trading post, the emirate has gone into top gear to meet an enforced second change in its image. Sources indicate that the oil which has allowed Dubai to thrive may run out in little more than five years and not the 30 years that was previously supposed.

As the oil revenues dry up there are plans for tourism. which accounts for 15 per cent of its income, to more than double by the year 2000. Huge investments are being

poured in to help the country to diversify in readiness. A spokesman for the emirate's Commerce and Tourism Promotion Board said: "Dubai aims to become the Hong Kong of the Middle East. We have not been told when the oil reserves will dry up but it will be pretty soon. Tourism is still very young here and it has become a major project for

Holidaymakers from Britain to Dubai have increased by more than 45 per cent since 1993 to 35,000 last year. And this year British tour operators are reporting a 20 per cent rise over 1995.

TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

Travel the world again in Weekend Sandy Gall on the Limpopo Valley Park

Eric Jacobs in Thailand Christopher Somerville in Cape Breton

Jill Crawshaw's Travel Tips Insider's Paris



WALES enjoyed its most successful season for tourism last vear and the signs are that 1996 will bring another boom despite the threat posed by the Sea Empress oil spillage, says the Wales Tourist Board's annual report published

The total number of overnight trips to Wales by people from other parts of Britain increased last year to 10.4 million while the principality attracted 735,000 overseas visitors, 45,000 up on 1994.

"The fine summer weather. a fall in the value of sterling and continued economic uncertainty would appear to have contributed to a strong performance from traditional holiday markets during 1995," the report says. Tony Lewis, the former

international cricketer and

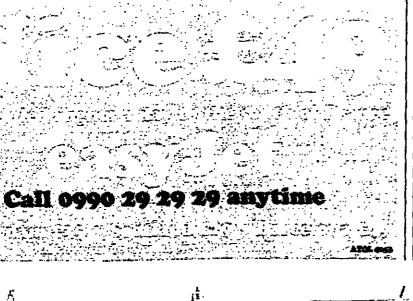
gaged in the business.

miles of beautiful coastline earlier this year "served as a vivid reminder of the dynamic forces to which tourism can be subjected". He adds: "The reassurance campaign which coincided with the successful clean-up of the affected beaches was an excellent example of an integrated effort by the industry itself, local authori-

ties and tourism bodies." The report also notes a

significant increase in the numbers staying for a longer holiday. Occupancy rates in Welsh hotels were better than 1994 for every month of the year and caravan parks also reported an increase in visitors. Self-catering properties fared less well, partly because of "uncompetitive pricing and inflexible

arrangements" The board is allocating £8.7 million of government funds over five years to support investment in six resort areas and seven historic towns with the aim of boosting tourism and creating up to 2,000 new jobs. The areas include the Mumbles and Gower Peninsula, the Llyn Peninsula, Aberystwyth and Llandudno, Caerleon, Caernarvon, Bree-



Wales set for another boom BY TONY DAWE television presenter who preferring short breaks with a chairs the tourist board, welcomes the "clear signs for

optimism in Wales" and says the board estimates that tourism contributes at least £1.6 billion to the Welsh economy with nearly one in ten of Welsh working people en-He says, however, that the

oil spillage which threatened

reversal in the trend of people

on and Machynlleth.

how both engines on a British Midland jet almost ran out of oil has exposed a weak link in air safety which airlines and the Civil Aviation Authority cannot ignore.

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Anyone who has flown in a commercial aircraft has some mes wondered about the kills of the crew and the mechanical integrity of the aircraft, but has been reas-sured by the calm voice of Captain "Speaking". He or she wants to get there safely - just as much as the passengers.

But little has been heard, until now, of the equally important role played by maintenance engineers who do not fly in the aircraft for which they are responsible, yet who are often under the most horrendous pressures.

Within the past 18 months there have been reports of aircraft taking off with their spoilers flapping in the airstream, of jets being unable to turn left because control surfaces had been left disconnectd, of a pilot being sucked out of the cockpit window because the wrong size rivets had been fitted, emergency chutes falling on to towns because they had been wrongly stowed, a fire breaking out in the cabin because a 25 amp circuit breaker was installed instead of a 2.5 amp one, a jumbo jet squatting on to its tail because restraining pins had not been fitted to the undercarriage . . . the list goes on.

The common factor is maintenance.

When we board an aircraft we expect it to have been serviced and be fit to fly. Yet, according to last week's devastating report by air accident investigators, it has often been worked on by people who are tired because they are on duty vernight when their bodies nd minds are at their most ulnerable. Often they are nassively under-staffed, yet Constantly being pressured to complete every job which is thrown at them on time so that the airline can keep to its schedules. So they take short

The Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAJB) report is scathing in its criticism both of British Midland (which was



fined £150,000 for "crass negligence") and especially of the Aviation Authority, which appears to have abdicated much of its responsi-bility for ensuring that standards are maintained.

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The time has come for a review of the whole system of aircraft maintenance in Britain when the following questions can be properly

addressed: ☐ Should maintenance engineers be given a higher salary and status? Pilots are paid up to £100,000 a year and are regarded in awe by the travelling public. Maintenance engineers are paid between £22,000 and £25,000 a year

and totally ignored. ☐ How can the training and working practices of maintenance engineers be improved? ☐ Should the CAA recruit more, better-qualified inspectors to take day-to-day responsibility for policing maintenance work rather than devolve it to the airlines as its policy now dictates?

DWhat can be done to improve the shift system and the working environment in hanears at night?

Are the three levels of check the airlines, the CAA's and the flight crew's — sufficient?

These are just a few of the many vital questions which the CAA, the airlines and the Department of Transport must consider urgently if an accident is to be avoided, whatever the cost.

As the report says: "Serious incidents are frequently discovered, all too late, to have catastrophic predicted accidents.'

Hopefully the near disaster of British Midland Boeing 737 G-OBMM will trigger some irgent action. To repeat the old — but never to be forgotten - adage: "If you think safety is expensive, try having an accident."

Bargains of the week — from fly-drive trips in the French Alps to sailing in Sardinia

HOTELS

PEMBRIDGE Court Hotel, a 19th-century townhouse hotel in West London close to the Portobello Road antiques market, has a summer rate of £130 a night (instead of the normal rate of £155) for a double room including full English breakfast. The offer covers any Friday to Monday night inclusive before the end of August. Details: 0171-229 9977.

■ MILLENNIUM and Copthorne Hotels has a special rate of £75 per person for two nights until the end of August at its four-star hotels outside London. The offer includes breakfast and dinner and can be extended for a further night by paying an extra £30 per person. Details, quoting PB offer: 0800 414741.

MORE than 700 hotels and guesthouses in Austria are taking part in a special autumn Familienherbst promotion, from September 1 until November 3, which offers free and separate bedrooms for children under 12 staying with parents. Details: 0171-629 0461.

CHARINGWORTH Manor Hotel in the

Cotswolds has linked up with a local gliding club to provide learn to fly weekend breaks. Price is from £240 per person, including accommodation, dinner and instruction. Details: 01386 593555. THE five Sol Inn hotels in Germany have a

special rate until the end of August of DM95 (just over £40) per night for a double room. Children under 12 stay free. Details: 0800

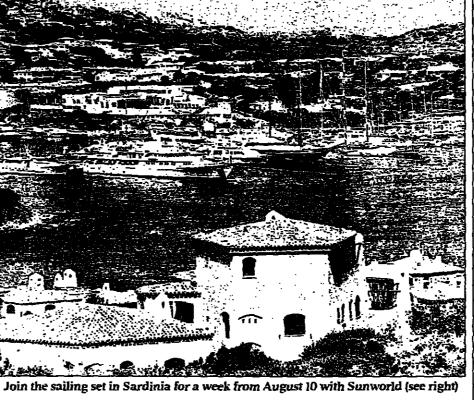
FORTE'S 78 Posthouse hotels are offering a free weekend night, to be redeemed any time before December 22, for guests staying any two weekday nights before September 5. Details "three-for-two" offer: 0800 404040.

ETTINGTON Park near Stratford-upon-Avon is offering a free bottle of house wine on arrival along with tickets to nearby Warwick Castle for guests staying before the end of August. Price per person for two nights between Sunday and Thursday is £175, including dinner, rising to £195 over the weekend. Details: 01789 450123.

■ STAY IN two of Jamaica's top hotels, Strawberry Hill and Jamaica Inn, as part of the "room with two views" package available until December 15 from Island Outpost. Price is \$1,215 per couple (about £810) for four nights, including transfers and a tour of the island. Details: 0800 614790.

THE 260-strong Golden Tulip Hotels world-wide chain, including the Chelsea hotel in London, has a summer promotion until the end of August at rates starting at £33 per person per night., Details: 0800 951000.

■ A 10 PER cent shopping discount at Saks Fifth Avenue is available to guests staying at the New York Palace Hotel at the summer rate of US\$199 (about £128) per room per night until September 4. Details through Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 181123.



FERRIES

P&O European Ferries has introduced shortbreak fares for the summer. A two-day return on Dover-Calais or Portsmouth-Le Havre/Cherbourg costs £45, a four-day return £69 and eight days. £99. Fares, valid until September 15, apply to a car and up to five passengers. There is a £10 supplement for Saturday travel. Details: 0990 980980.

SALLY Ferries is cutting fares through Ferryshop, with £40 five-day returns (bookable within ten days of travel) and standard returns from £71 on its Ramsgate routes to Dunkirk and Ostend. Details: 0990 706050.

■ IRISH Ferries has knocked one-third off two-day fares on its Holyhead-Dublin route, now costing £206 for a car and up to five passengers for travel by September 8. A standard one-way fare is £154. The one-way fare on Pembroke-Rosslare is £159 or £212 for a two-day return. Details: 0345 171717.

■ EUROSTAR has introduced a £49 daytrip fare on its passenger train service from Ashford to Paris. Lille, Brussels or Calais. The fare is available until September I and does not have to be booked in advance. Details: 0345 881881.

■ STENA Line has launched its ski-drive product for the winter, with lead-in prices of E39 for a ferry crossing and a week's self-catering in the French Alps, based on eight people in one vehicle. A £50 discount is offered on holidays booked by September 30. Details: 0990 747474.

FLIGHTS

TO LAUNCH its new route from London City Airport on August 19, Air UK is offering one of the cheapest-ever fares to Amsterdam. It is charging just £49 (with no Saturday night stay restriction) for return flights taken before September 8. Details 0345 666777.

AIR INDIA sales agent Welcome Travel has special first, business and economy class fares between Heathrow and Toronto. First class is priced at £948, business class £583 and economy £395. Details 0171-439 3627.

IF YOU are in Munich and need to travel to Mönchengladbach (near Düsseldorf) or Barcelona, budget airline Debonair will fly you between these cities for just £45 or £70 respectively. Details 0500 046200.

BRITISH Airways' latest series of world offers include Bologna for £210, Bordeaux £149, Milan £222 and Montpellier £139. Book before August 7. Details 0345 222111.

LUFTHANSA has low summer fares to Germany and selected continental destinations. Cologne and Düsseldorf, for example, cost £86 while Leipzig is priced at £141, Frankfurt £118 and Stuttgart £121. Details 0345 737747.

■ SABENA has extended its business bonus fares to include travel from Heathrow and London City. A typical saving would be £108 for a flight between London and Turin (£360 as against £468). Details 0181-780 1444.

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SAILING and windsurfing are included in holidays in Cannigione, Sardinia, on offer from Sunworld Sailing for a week from August 10. The price of £577 a person is based on four people sharing a two-bedroom apartment with return flights. Details: 01273 626284.

■ MAJORCA for a fortnight's Airtours self-catering holiday with a flight from Manchester on Saturday is available for £399 a person from Co-op Travelcare. Details: 0161-827 1030.

■ APARTMENTS in Umbria and Tuscany for a week from August 10 and 17 are available from Crusader Travel with prices from £288 for accommodation for four people in two bed-rooms. Flights extra. Details: 0181-744 0474.

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■ JERSEY for a week from August 18 or 25 for £215 a person, saving up to £139, is on offer from Modern Hotels. The price includes return ferry crossings from Weymouth, half-board accommodation and entertainment. Holidays by air available at a supplement. Details: 01534 59529.

FLY-DRIVE holidays to the Queyras regional park in the French Alps are being introduced by Inntravel for three weeks from August 25 with prices starting from £249 a person in a party of four including Heathrow-Lyons flights, car hire and a week's self-catering accommodation. Details: 01653 628862.

LATE summer and autumn self-catering holidays in France, Italy. Spain. Portugal and New England are available from Individual Travellers from £154 to £400 per person per week including travel arrangements. Details:

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DUBAI for six nights for £427 a person is on offer from Travel Warehouse with return flights on Emirates from Gatwick and accommodation at the Golden Sands Apartments. Details: 0171-414 8808.

SAVINGS of E70 a person are available on a 15-day Kumuka safari leaving Nairobi on August 31 for the Rift Valley, Uganda and Zaire. The new price of £455 includes the services of a support crew, three meals a day and various excursions. Flights extra. Details: 0171-937 8855.

■ EGYPTIAN holidays in September are on offer from Kuoni with a week in Luxor starting from £275 a person and a fortnight combining Luxor with Sharm el Sheikh, the beach resort. from £399. Departures between September 10 and October 1. Details: 01306 743000.

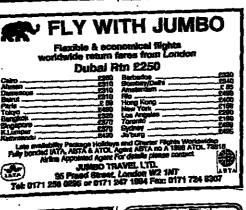
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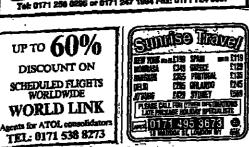
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NEWS

£400,000 bill for Botham and Lamb

Ian Botham and Allan Lamb were last night facing a bill of up to £400,000 after losing their libel case against Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain.

The two former England stars said they were astonished by the jury's verdict on their claim that Imran called them cheats and racists. But both insisted that they had no regrets in bringing the case. "How can one regret it? I fought for my

Howard ready to bring in gun ban

■ Michael Howard is expected to override Conservative MPs' objections and ban private ownership of handguns if the Dunblane inquiry says he should. The Home Secretary will introduce a Bill for new controls if Lord Cullen puts forward proposals that require legislation.... ... Pages 1, 2

Yachtsman thwarted

Ben Ainslie, Britain's youngestever Olympic sailor, saw his gold medal hopes in the Laser class dashed when he and his rival were disqualified Page I

Blair loses support Tony Blair's personal approval

rating has fallen to its lowest level since he was elected Labour leader, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times Page 1 Causing a stink?

The stinking lily of Kew Gardens finally came into flower, and proved a red herring. Its allegedly awful fishy smell was noticeable only by its almost complete absence. . Page 1

Siddons killer jailed

A family celebrated an I8-year campaign for justice, as a teenager's killer was jailed for life. Michael Brookes showed no emotion as he was convicted of killing Lynn Siddons....Page 3

Moynihan boys lose

The "colourful and disreputable" life of the late Baron Moynihan of Leeds was laid bare in judgment that cleared the way for his halfbrother, Colin Moynihan, to inherit the title. .Page 5

SAS author held

A bestselling author who says he was part of an SAS death squad in Northern Ireland in the 1970s was arrested by the RUC and

Villiers victory

Janie Villiers, the blind daughter of a renowned car engineer, won damages of £160,000 against Rolls-Royce in a legal action for breach of contract begun by her

Regulator defended

The National Heritage Secretary was standing by Peter Davis. the National Lottery regulator, after a Commons committee accused him of "serious errors of judgment"....

Autumn strikes likely

French union leaders and government ministers will head off on holiday this month in the knowledge that the stage is set for a renewed unrest when they return in September.... ... Page 10

Township battles

Youths battled with police and attacked journalists in Tembisa township, northeast of Johannesburg, as they vented their anger over a railway station stampede that left 15 dead Page 11

Buchanan's threat Pat Buchanan, the biggest thorn

in Bob Dole's side, all but threatened to quit the Republican Party if his conservative agenda continues to be ignored Page 12

Atlanta search

FBI agents searched the house of Richard Jewell, the security guard being investigated for the held for questioning Page 5 Atlanta bombing Page 13

First, catch your grey squirrel

■ Not all the blame for the demise of the red squirrel, which is the focus of a new preservation campaign, can be laid at the door of Mr Brocklehurst, who released a pair of North American grey squirrels into his garden in 1876. In 1902 a further 100 were released in Surrey. Why they were brought in is not clear, but they became popular as food



Sixty Zulus, who are all members of the South African police service, go through a dress rehearsal for the Edinburgh Tattoo at the city's Redford Barracks. The tattoo is due to open to the public at Edinburgh castle tomorrow

BUSINESS

Jobs: Royal & Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest insurance company. announced the closure of 94 branches and the loss of 1,300 ..Page 23

Pharmaceuticals: Glaxo Wellcome plans to shed 7,000 jobs and to make savings of E700 million a year by the end of 1998......Page 23 Banking: Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, has slapped an injunction on one of its high flyers

in an apparent attempt to prevent

the departure of key clients and

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 34.7 points to close at 3703.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.9 to 84.6 after a fall from \$1.5560 to \$1.5553 and from

DM2.2988 to DM2.2910 Page 26

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

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SPORT

Olympic Games: Britain's tally of. medals was swelled by a bronze from Max Sciandri in the cycling road race and by Tim Henman and Neil Broad who guaranteed at least a silver by reaching the final of the men's tennis doubles. Ben Ainslie lost his chance of a gold in the Laser class sailing when he was

disqualified

Cricket: Lancashire and Yorkshire, who met in the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, were paired together in the draw for the same stage of the NatWest Trophy. Surrey play Essex in the other . Page 38

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Motor racing: Ferrari are expected to re-sign the Ulsterman Eddie Irvine as team-mate to Michael Schumacher. Page 39

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Videos: La Ceremonie, Claude Chabrol's darkly comic version of Ruth Rendell's Judgement in Stone, is on video, as is the futuristic cyberfolly Johnny Mnemonic. with Keanu ReevesPage 32

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Wedded bliss? J.B. Priestley's Yorkshire farce, When We Are Married, receives a new staging at .Page 33

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David Sinclair on the

debut solo singl€ from

former Take That lead

and other new releases

■ INTERVIEW

Valerie Grove meets

chairman of the anti-

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Professor Jack Scarisbrick,

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FEATURES

Semi-socialist: Paul Hamiyn is not a member of the Labour Party, but he has donated £500,000 to Tony Blair's campaign Life after 'Chelle: Nine months after leaving EastEnders, Susan Tully has almost left the character of Michelle behind and is carving out a new life

BODY AND MIND

Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains why liver transplants excite little interest now, and looks at a new treatment for motor neurone

TRAVEL NEWS

About turn: Package holiday giant Thomson plans to end discounts for last-minute holiday bookings in the next three years Page 20

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Stories and storytellers: Michael Ignatieff on Vladimir Nabokov: John Grigg on Britain's wartime spirit: Felipe Fernandez-Armesto on Europe's past; Lynne Truss on Lewis Carroll Pages 34, 35

THE PAPERS Everyone condemns terrorism. But

one man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter. At least the G7 nations, plus Russia, had the same objectives in Paris, even though they weren't unanimous about the methods of fighting terrorism

TVLISTINGS

Preview: More than 900 Jews fled Nazi Germany but the New World turned them back; Secret History (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Peter Barnard on upper-class women who kill for a hobby

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Lack of vision

Peter Davis, the Director-General of Oflot, is not up to his job. Mrs. Bottomley, who appointed him 😩 should act accordingly Page 17

Crimes of conscience

The Liverpool four admit their vandalism, and the court that allows them to escape the consequences of their actions does us all a disservice.....

Pig-hoo-o-o-ey!

British pigs would have a flying start over the squat Vietnamese pigs from the Pacific nations who are so mortifyingly ahead of us at Atlanta

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The personal problems of the Royal Family have distracted attention from the more profound constitutional issues which would have to be faced whatever the royal personalities were

MAGNUS LINKLATER

Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre will be the only one that ultimately matters. He is unlikely to propose a blanket ban on private gun ownership Page 16 ROGER SCRUTON

Oxford has created 162 new professors, who will have the title but no chairs, so that only those who are already able to tell the difference between first-rate and second-rate scholarship will know which Oxford professor truly deserves the

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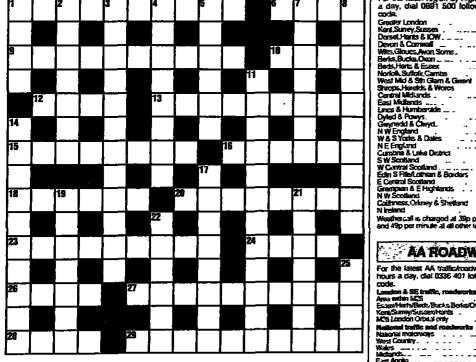
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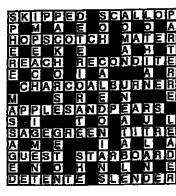
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- 10 Subscribe to make a gesture (4). 12 Like metallic thread twisted round
- 13 A couple of fish for an infant (9).
- 15 Plot in Greene novel (8). 16 Trying to save coverlet that's fallen in river (6).
- 18 Error playing music wrong note 20 Draws fish at seaside (8).
- 23 From what we hear, appropriate measure for balance (9).
- 24 Pawn made from piece of chest-
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26 Move cautiously within church (4).

- 27 Approach helping to create
- reasonable behaviour (10). 28 Give attention to Liberal, such as
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- I Garden visitor very enthusiastic about yew, we hear (4).
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- ers like (5,7). 4 Future partner managed to get
- home first (8). 5 Scared bats in trees (6).
- 7 Tightly closing, say, this top (7). 8 Eagles seen flying from part of
- II Frank talking between couple in suit? (5-2-5). 14 A letter that's not authoritarian
- 17 Fighting men betrayed, that is,
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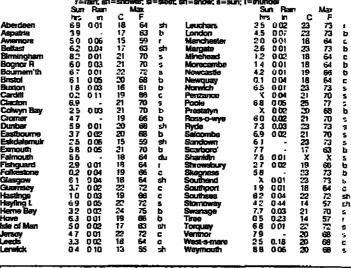
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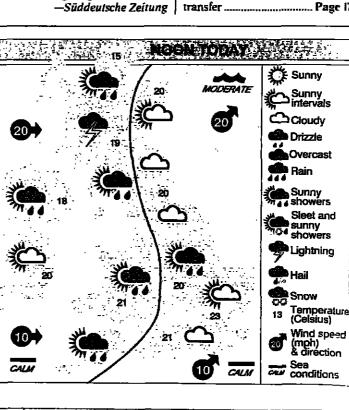
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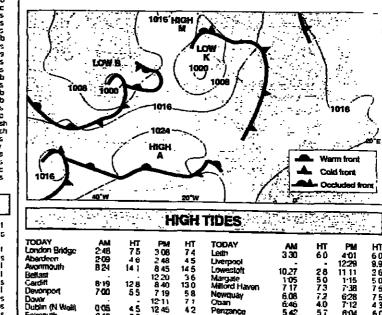
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Former British Rail managers share £80m profit

BY JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was facing a furious political row over rail privatisation yesterday as 50 former British Rail managers and staff celebrated an £80 million profit from a train leasing company they acquired six months ago.

Labour condemned the £825 miltion sale of the Porterbrook rolling stock leasing company to Stagecoach as "scandalous" and said it confirmed the public's worst fears about BR being sold on the cheap. Porterbrook, which leases 3,774 trains to 16 rail companies, about a

quarter of BR's former rail fleet, was bought by a management buyout team from the Government in

November last year for E527 million. Management and staff put up about 20 per cent of the £75 million initial equity with the rest financed by Charterhouse, the merchant bank, and bank debt. Yesterday's deal values the equity at £475 million with the management team's original stake of £15 million

now worth about £95 million. The sale has made multimillionaires of the company's six executive directors, led by Sandy Anderson, the managing director. Middle managers and junior staff, who all

invested in the buyout, also stand to make hundreds of thousands of pound each, "Sandy won't be worry-ing about his gas bills any more," said one deal insider.

Glenda Jackson, a Labour transport spokeswoman, said: "This is absolutely scandalous. Since Porterbrook was privatised not a single new train has been built or even ordered and yet here are the managers turned into overnight millionaires. Yet again the taxpayer suffers while the lat cat controllers lick the cream."

All the managers and staff involved in the buyout will be staying with the company and Mr Anderson will join the board of Stagecoach shares for about 40 per cent of their holdings in Porterbrook with the remainer in cash or shares.

The £1.8 billion sale of the three rolling stock rail companies, which own all 16,000 former BR locomotives and carriages, was criticised as too low when it was announced by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, in November.

The trains had originally been valued at £3 billion but a two-year worldwide auction held by Hambros Bank, the Government's advisers on the sale, yielded just five serious offer for the companies.

The disposais, the largest made

political uncertainty surrounding the BR sell-off last year. One bid collapsed days before the offer deadline when National Westmin-

ster Bank pulled out. Yesterday's sale of Porterbrook, which was met with an ecstatic reaction in the City, where Stageopach shares soared 53p, will fuel criticisms of the Government's handling of rail privatisation.

The deal doubles the size of Stagecoach's rail operations, which now exceed its core coach business.

tracted to Porterbrook by its "innovative approach to rolling stock investment. Mr Souter said Stage-coach would be placing a £90 mill-ion order from Porterbrook for 30 new trains on its South West Trains franchise within a few weeks.

Mr Souter said the company had already held preliminary talks with the Office of Fair Trading and the Office of the Rail Franchise Director about the deal's implications for competition but was confident it would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Post-merger cost cutting goes on

New drugs lift Glaxo Wellcome

single successor product, but by a range of important medi-cines in several key therapeu-

Glaxo hopes to keep the

momentum going with the

launch of four new products in

America before the end of the

year. However, not all new

products are on the rise.

of Zofran, its main oncology

drug, by 7 per cent. The

company said that Zofran was

now "stabilizing" and had the

potential to expand in new

decline in Zantac sales was

Some analysts said that the

Competition reduced the sales

tic areas.

NEW drugs and continued post-merger cutting of costs handed Glaxo Wellcome, the billion in the first half, down 16 per cent. But sales of new cals company higher than expected interim earnings. £327 million. The products include Imigran, an anti-mi-

The group reported a pre-tax profit of £1.55 billion, or 29.7p a share, in the half year to the end of June, up 34 per cent from the £1.16 billion, or 24.2p a share, in the compara-

ble period a year ago. The 1995 period includes three-and-a-half months of contribution from Wellcome, which was acquired by Glaxo for £9 billion last year. Sales, on a pro-forma basis, rose 6 per cent to £4.19 billion.

Analysts had forecast pretax profits ranging from £1.36 billion to £1.5 billion. The shares climbed after the release of the results, but closed down 4½p, at 894½p, after a bout of profit-taking.
Glaxo said that cost savings

from the integration of Glaxo and Wellcome were the driving force behind the rise in profit margins from 32 per cent to almost 39 per cent in the half-year period. The group plans to shed 7,000 jobs and save about £700 million a year by the end of 1998.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, said the integration was basically complete although costs would continue to come down until the end of the decade as manufacturing sites were closed and computers made research and development more efficient.

Sir Richard sounded an optimistic note on the future, noting that sales of new products - drugs launched since 1990 — had more than offset the decline of Zantac, the ulcer treatment that has lost its patent protection in Germany and some other markets.

Sales of Zantac, which reached about \$4 billion a year at their peak, making it the world's best selling prescription drug, are set to decline rapidly after mid-1997, when the end of its US protec-

and staff. Tim Horlick, soon to take up a senior position with Salomon Brothers, has been ordered to hand over confiden-tial papers, and is barred from

business, had sales of El higher than expected. The company is trying to play down the impact of the loss of has made no forecasts on the expected sales decline.

graine drug whose sales grew Glaxo also played down the 78 per cent to £263 million, and likelihood of another acquisi-Screvent, a respiratory treattion even though it has managed to knock down its net ment whose sales came to £181 million, up 40 per cent. Sir Richard said: This is debt to £2.1 billion, from £3.2 billion; at the end of last year confirmation that the revethrough strong cash flow and nues earned over many years the sale of its over-the-counter operations for £581 million. by the pre-eminence of Zantac are being replaced, not by a

Glaxo does not seem to have the appetite for another hostile acquisition and knows that any large-scale purchase would be disruptive to employees, who are still reeling from

the redundancy programme. Sir Richard said he expected few mega-mergers in the near future. He added: "At the moment, there appears to be a relative degree of stability in the market place."

Glaxo's interim dividend is being maintained at 15p. It said that shareholders would see a satisfactory year-on-year

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Gordon Hodgson, Cowie chief executive, yesterday continued the company's spending spree with the acquisition of North East Bus group for £26.5 million. Full story page 25

Over 1,000 jobs to go at Royal & Sun

By Caroline Merrell

ROYAL & Sun Alliance, the UK's biggest insurance company, announced the closure of 94 branches and the loss of 1,300 jobs yesterday, just ten days after making its stock market debut as a merged company. The move marks the first phase of a two-year redundancies programme.

The insurance company, formed from the merger between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, plans to cut its combined worldwide workforce by 5,000 from the current level of 45,000 by 1998. The company claimed that the branch closures were divided equally between the two for-

mer companies. As well as announcing 300 job losses in branches, the company said that it was reducing staff numbers at the former Sun Alliance head office in Horsham, West Sussex, by 500 to 2,000, and cutting staff at the Royal's former head office in Liverpool by the same number to

The branch closures would increase competitiveness in the direct market by cutting costs substantially, it said. Further job losses are expected to be finalised at management level later this month. The company also

said that it had made 89 management appointments across its four operating divisions.

The insurer is restructuring its management by inviting staff to reapply for their jobs.

vear, the Council of Mortgage Lenders said yesterday. The latest figures confirm the gradual fall in repossessions since their peak in the second half of 1991, although the total has hovered stubbornly close to the 24,500 mark since 1994. In absolute terres the figures are at their lowest for six years.

There was a more marked reduction in the number of households seriously in arrears on their mortgages, with a 13 per cent drop in borrowers 12 months or more behind with payments and a total fall in all

arrears of 10 per cent.
Adrian Coles, the directorgeneral of the CML welcomed
the figures as a considerable improvement", but cautioned against overoptimism. He said: "The key is to get a sustained and gradual recovery".

Mr Coles cited a combina-

tion of falling unemployment. affordable mortgages, rising house prices and better arrears counselling and management by lenders as the main reasons for the continuing improvement. But a sharp rise in interest rates could easily throw people back into arrears. Rising house prices allowed lenders to sell 27,810 repos-

sessed homes, up from 26,880 in the second half of last year and 24,230 in the first half of last year. Mr Coles denied that lenders would take advantage of a rising market to increase their repossession activity.

Bank serves injunction on departing star player

By Jon Ashworth

KLEINWORT Benson has served an injunction on one of its former star players in an apparent attempt to prevent the departure of key clients approaching his former

colleagues. Kleinwort Benson, part of Dresdner Bank, has suffered a number of staff losses recentSalomon, which is recruiting aggressively under Peter Middicton, former chief executive of Lloyd's of London. He starts as chief operating officer of European Investment Banking in September.

Mr Horlick's assignments

at Kleinwort Benson included the flotation of Deutsche Telekom. He is barred from poaching members of his former team and is threatened with damages for breach of contract and/or wrongful use spend a period of time on Mr Horlick leaves for France on holiday today. His

wife, Nicola, head of asset management at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said: The whole thing's a nonsense. Kleinwort has just got com-pletely paranoid and hysterical." She believed the action was linked to a Hungarian issue called MOL2, which was jointly awarded to KB and Salomon soon after Mr Horlick resigned. He worked on the original MOL issue.

Directors at **S&N** enjoy pay bonanza

DIRECTORS at Scottish and Newcastle brewing group enjoyed pay rises averaging 22 per cent last year (Alisdair Murray writes). Brian Stewart, chief executive, saw his base salary increased by 15 per cent, to £348,000, and his bonus payment by 62 per cent, to £63,000, according to the annual report.

There were 24 per cent rises for Guy Dickson. chairman of Scottish Courage (to £273,000), and Ian Hannah, chairman of S&N's retail division (to

Price proposal hits NIE shares

FROM EILREN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

SHARES in Northern Ireland Electricity fell 53p to 353p after the electricity regulator recommended that the company reduce its prices by almost one third next year.

After a year-long investigation into NIE's tariffs, which are 23 per cent higher than the British average, the regulator, Douglas McIldoon, recom-mended changes to NIE's price controls which should result in a a reduction of lp a unit from April next year. The proposed changes would knock 12 per cent off total domestic users' bills and 6 per cent off industry's electricity

costs. The recommendations only directly affect between 20 and 40 per cent of final

electricity prices.

However NIE said the pro-posals could affect the reliability of services and investment in new projects, and would also have a significant impact on revenues. It was "quite sur-prised at the severity of the proposed reduction". NIE can accept the recommendations or refer the issue to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

NIE recorded a 23 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £107.4 million for the year ended March 1995.



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Jobs threat as rental chain calls receiver

By Sarah Cunningham

COLORVISION, the television and video rental chain, yesterday asked its bankers to call in administrative receivers, putting 800 jobs at risk.

The board said the company, which has debts of some £1.5 million, was unable to trade within its credit limits because of poor sales and the continuing impact of problems earlier in the year with the Office of Fair Trading. Arthur Andersen was appointed receiver last night.

In January, the Liverpool-based chain had its consumer credit licence revoked by the OFT after a series of dishonest practices, including selling second-hand goods as new.

In May the OFT agreed not to contest Colorvision's appeal against the revocation of its licences. In return, the founder as part of a financial restructuring, and the company gave assurances about its future conduct.

However, the company said in a statement yesterday that, in common with many other high street stores trading in the consumer durables sector, its sales had not recovered to anticipated levels.

The receiver will look for a buyer for the whole or parts of the 76-branch business, which could help to save the jobs



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Lord Cairns, front left, chairman of BAT Industries; Martin Broughton, front right, chief executive; Sandy Leitch, back left; and David Allvey, finance director, yesterday announcing a 12 per cent rise in BAT's half-year profits

Unions cite private deals in public-sector push

BY PHILLP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

Although single-status agree-PRIVATE-SECTOR job deals are to be used for the first time ments are common in the priby public-sector trade unions vate sector, they are rare in as a model in trying to reach a public-sector areas, such as groundbreaking working arlocal government, hospitals, rangement for 1.6 million education and the Civil workers in local government. Now, however, union nego-

Reed Elsevier eyes Blenheim

By Eric Reguly

tions Companies, organises about 300 exhibitions a year

globally and wants to

consolidate its position as one

of the largest players. United News & Media, the news-paper and exhibitions com-

pany that merged with MAI, has been negotiating to buy

Reed, through Reed Exhibi-

Public-sector unions, in their attempts to reach, for the tiators, in a series of concentrated negotiations starting first time, a deal covering both manual and white-collar emnext month, are to press for a ployees in local government, common agreement for whiteare citing agreements, such as collar and blue-collar workers that at Rover Cars, that offer in local government. The agreement is likely to include guarantees on job security in return for flexible working a "commitment to security of and improved productivity. employment", according to

REED ELSEVIER, the An-

glo-Dutch publishing group, is considering making a bid for Blenheim, the exhibitions

organiser.
It is biding its time hoping

that Blenheim, led by Neville

Buch, chairman, will drop the

asking price, believed to be

about £500 million.

union proposals on the outline of a suggested deal. Council employers are keen

for a single-status deal, but worried about its cost. They are also likely to want to link it to a pay deal due next April, but union leaders want to keep the two elements separate.

Usually, because of job-loss fears, public-sector unions have tried not to use private-sector job developments as models, but local government leaders yesterday cited the success of agreements such as

Blenheim for more than a

month. But United's exclusive

talks agreement has expired

and the company would not

Reed is expected to provide

more details on its interest in

Blenheim next Thursday,

when Reed anmounces its

interim results.

comment on its intentions.

could be emulated in the public sector. Jack Dromey, public ser-

vices national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Rover and other similar agreements are models of work we like. We played our part in transforming Rover into a world-beater. Now we want to transform local government."

Union leaders said that the single-status claims were the "most significant negotiations in the history of local government".

Mr Dromey said: "We want to achieve by consensus a settlement in local government that will endure for a

Given the strongly female workforce in local government, union officials emphasised that a single-status council deal would be the first such agreement to apply to so many women workers.

Britain's 40,000 police civil-

ian staff have voted overwhelmingly to accept an offer of a 3.6 per cent pay rise including a single-status deal.

BAT aims to expand financial services in Asia

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BAT Industries, the tobacco and insurance company, yesterday said that it is looking at expansion opportunities for its financial services division in Spain and Asia.

BAT hopes to bid for new life-insurance licences in China and India, as well as making

an acquisition in Spain.

Sandy Leitch, chief executive of British American Fnancial Services, said that the insurance division was aiming to grow profits at 20 per cent above previously-set targets over the next five years. He said that the company was looking to cut costs by £50 million during the same period but would not be declaring

large-scale redundancies.

Mr Leitch made his comments after BAT announced a 12 per cent rise in half-year profits, to £1.33 billion. Under-lying profits, stripping out the sales of two subsidiaries, rose by 8 per cent.

Profits in the financial services division grew by 3 per cent, to £554 million, after an 8 per cent improvement, to £329 million, in the general insurance businesses. Profits in the life and investment business fell by 4 per cent, to £225 million, and the loss on the worldwide underwriting business increased to £52 million, from £28 million.

BAT said that there was an encouraging trend in the life and investment businesses, with Allied Dunbar enjoying a 29 per cent rise in new business premiums.

Tobacco profits continued to grow, in spite of legal battles in the United States. Profits rose by 7 per cent, to £798 million, as cigarette volumes increased by 4 per cent. The American-Pacific region enjoyed a 13 per cent rise in profits after price rises in the US, but profits in the Latin American and European divsions declined. BAT repeated its view that it expects to defeat all current tobacco-

related lawsuits in the US. The interim dividend rises by 8 per cent, to 10p, due on January 3. Shares in the company rose 22p, to close at 504p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BSE scare takes toll of profits at Sims

THE BSE scare crippled trading at Sims, the meat products group, which recorded a loss of £49.3 million in the year to March 31 after making a pre-tax profit of £4.18 million last year. The group sold its loss-making refrigeration and catering divisions during the winter, for a loss of £30.6 million. It had also arranged the disposal of its core retail division, but this

was halted by the BSE warning on March 20. The remaining businesses made an underlying profit of £2.2 million on sales of £240 million. Although the BSE warning came just II days before Sims's year end, the group wrote off Ell.3 million against goodwill and ran up redundancy costs of £3.2 million on closing three plants as a result. Losses per share were 141.8p (earnings of 5.2p), precluding a final dividend.

Recycling group ahead

WASTE RECYCLING GROUP almost trebled its pre-tax profits from £1.14 million to £3.29 million in the six months to June 30, after a new transfer and recycling plant helped to lift sales from £3.29 nillion to £6.31 million. The company said that its propects were enhanced by the Government's plans to impose landfill tax, which would prompt waste disposal firms to take a second look at recycling. Earnings were 0.9p ahead at 3.8p per share, allowing for a maiden interim of 0.5p.

BT serves writ on AT&T

BT and AT&T, its new rival in the domestic phone market, are at war over which offers the best prices. BT has served a writ on AT&T, alleging that America's biggest long-distance carrier infringed BT's trademark and "maliciously" made false statements about its service. The writ came after an AT&T brochure claimed that consumers could save up to 40 per cent on BT international call rates by switching to AT&T. BT plans to make a full statement of claim to the High Court next week.

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Gas wins concessions

BRITISH GAS will never have to publish tariffs for large industrial users and for medium-sized businesses the requirement is on hold until this time next year. The concessions mean that British Gas does not have to reveal commercially sensitive price information while its competitors do not, allowing them to undercut its rates. Ofgas, the industry regulator, made them yesterday after a review into the state of competition in the market.

Thames Water buyback

THAMES WATER repurchased 10 per cent of its capital. buying 41.36 million shares at 543p per share, in a £2245 million deal. The share price slipped 5p to 540p after the move reduced demand in the market. David Luffrum . finance director, said the move, agreed by shareholders at the annual meeting, would improve the company's capital structure. The company said the buy-back would leave adequate balance-sheet strength to meet investment plans.

ScottishPower setback

SCOTTISHPOWER has failed in the High Court to win a judicial review of the way generating costs are reflected in the cost of electricity. The action followed the Monopolies and Mergers Commission granting of a dispensation to Scottish Hydro-Electric after that company sought a referral over a decision on generating costs. Yesterday ScottishPower said that it would cut its rights issue to raise £240 million rather than £589 million to back its purchase of Southern Water.

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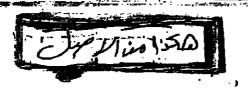
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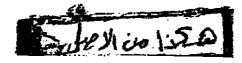
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☐ Problems loom from patent losses ☐ Less-than-stinging rebuke for Davis ☐ Kepit investors offered a way out

Usual Williams of the second with the Glaxo Wellcome marriage, here come the first signs that the honeymoon is over. At the world's largest pharmaceuticals concern the numbers are again looking respectable. Earnings and sales are rising, debt is falling and ruthless cost-cutting has restored profit margins. So why are the management reaching for their (spectacularly successful) ulcer pille?

By this time next year, Glaxo will have lost the American patents on those two drugs, Zantac and Zovirax, almost entirely responsible for its success. Zantac, the ulcer treatment launched in 1981, saw peak annual sales of some \$4 billion. Loss of patents in a few markets, notably Germany, has since reduced these to \$3 billion, but they still account for a quarter of total revenues.

As 1997 approaches, Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive, and other senior managers have been telling everyone who will listen that concerns about the effects of generic competition are overblown. Fear not, they say, because new products will more than take up the slack. Indeed, new products, defined as those drugs introduced since 1990, have so far more than offset Zantac's decline. The question is whether they will continue to do so when Zantac falls off a cliff in America next year.

Glaxo heads for cold turkey derives almost half of its sales in

But a couple of warning signs suggest that Sir Richard and company are more scared than they appear. The first is their refusal to predict the size of the fall in Zantac sales. You can bet that we would hear about it if the expected decline was anything less than the City's most pessimistic guesses.

The second and more telling sign is that Glaxo is not going out of its way to court American investors. In the early 1990s, about 27 per cent of Glaxo's shareholders were American. They have been fleeing in droves as part of the American disenchantment with anything produced by men in lab coats, and now own about 10 per cent.

In normal times, Glaxo would wind up the investor relations machine and schmooze every institution in the land to win them back. The only reason they are not is fear of making potentially misleading comments to America's insanely litigious investment community. Zantac might lose just one third of its market share in the first year or it might be obliterated. Glaxo is being understandably careful. American institutions have long memories, and a company that

the US cannot afford to lose Wall

Street's confidence.
In the end, Glazo will probably overcome Zantac's decline. SmithKline Beecham proved that the promise of new products can mask many problems. That company is growing strongly even though sales of its own Tagamet compound, Zantac's main competitor, plummeted by 5 per cent after the drug lost its US patent in 1994. Glaxo, how-ever, is much more reliant on Zantac than SmithKline ever was on Tagamet. Glazo's recovery period is bound to take correspondingly longer.

Word to the unwise over Lottery award

THE award of the contract to run the National Lottery is developing into one of those fine Establishment scandals where the facts are buried forever under an avalanche of weasel words and evasion. Readers may remember the evidence to the Public Accounts Committee in the spring from Peter Davis, the Lottery regulator.

Mr Davis had awarded the

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contract to an American business with a less than spotless reput-ation, with one of whose exec-utives he had enjoyed a family friendship. The leitmotiv from his evidence was "concern". He had thought about it long and hard. He had told others of his concern. Then he gave the job to the Americans. After that he enjoyed trips around the US to various state lotteries in a jet owned by that same business. GTech. His reason for accepting such largesse? To save the Brit-

ish taxpayer money.

Mr Davis is entitled to put the best construction on his behaviour, but one might have expected more from the MPs. Yet the leitmotiv from the PAC, in the bowdlerised report that emerged yesterday after an earlier, more trenchant attack on

Mr Davis had been toned down. is "unwise". Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, thought it might not have been wise to spend so much time on that corporate jet. MPs agree, and think it unwise to have used the jet to visit his friend's home.

For Joe Punter, queuing for his daily scratchcard fix, the Lottery might as well be run by the Medellin cocaine cartel under the iron-handed regulation of Sooty and Sweep. He only wants to win - just once would be nice. Please. The inquiry into Mr Davis's behaviour is about standards in public life, so it is perhaps no surprise that no one has any intention of resigning, even if in more strait-laced times "serious errors of judgment" (the PAC's words) might be regarded as justifying a dignified depar-ture. But consider if such behaviour were to be adopted by other regulators.

Ian Byatt wined and dined by Yorkshire Water? The ascetic Professor Littlechild flown all over the world by PowerGen? They would never have survived the scandal. Lucky Mr Davis. Perhaps GTech should run another lottery, identifying acts so heinous that he would actually have to go. Line up six and chance of winning on the scratchcards, though,

A tale of two trusts

☐ THIS is the tale of the terrible twins, Kepit and Mepit. About two years ago, although it seems more like two decades now. European privatisation looked like a wonderful new gravy train for all those who had profited from such issues in Britain.

So Kleinwort and Mercury two of the City's most reputable names, gave birth to the twins. They were rival European investment trusts, hence the nicknames, aimed at those privatisations as they rolled off the slip-ways across Europe. Albanian breweries, Norwegian telecoms, you didn't even need to know what you were buying, but as the privatisation virus swept across Europe you were ensured a part of the action.

It all went horribly wrong. For a start the twins were too greedy. raising between them more than £I billion of investors' money. This meant little demand from

other investors once trading in the trusts started, even if Kleinwort did turn away £250 million worth of excess applications. American interest rates and stock markets turned not long after the launch. Too many of the privatisations were absolute dogs, priced at what they were worth and so not offering investors the immediate returns we had all come to expect from British sell-offs.

Hurt corporate pride spurred Mercury and Kleinwort into action. Mercury launched a limited buyback for Mepit. Kleinwort has since put together a more complicated and more effective scheme for Kepit, involving swapping up to 60 per cent of the equity into loan stock, which Kleinwort will then buy off investors.

But another big institution has its own plans. Henderson Administration wants to buy up Kepit, sell off the assets, and return 99.25 per cent of the proceeds to shareholders. The remaining 0.75 per cent, or £3.5 million, is its fee. In addition, Kepit shareholders can swap some of their shares into one of Henderson's more successful European trusts. The scheme offers a more direct route out for the disenchanted, even if it begs certain questions about how much the assets can be sold for. But investors might want to wait to see what else that hurt pride may tempt out of Kleinwort.

Cowie pays £26.5m for bus company

By Sarah Cunningham

COWIE has catapulted itself into second place among UK bus operators with the purchase of North East Bus for

The second spot was previously held by Stagecoach. The acquisition gives Cowie more than 18 per cent of the UK bus market, behind firstplaced FirstBus, with 20 per cent of the market, but ahead

of Stagecoach, which controls

about 17 per cent. Cowie, which has expanded into buses from the vehicle hire business, announced its latest purchase yesterday as it reported record pre-tax profits for the six months ending June 30, up 19 per cent to £32.2 million. Turnover was almost unchanged at £529 million.

An interim dividend of 3.4p. up 11.5 per cent on the same time last year, will be paid on September 5.

Cowie's interim profits were boosted by its bus companies in London, where it is the largest operator, which showed an increase in passen-

Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said that the acquisition of British Bus, announced in June and due for completion today, and of North Éast Bus, would be "immediately earnings enhancing, whilst bringing to the group a better balance of bus and motorrelated businesses".

Cowie raised the money to pay for British Bus through a rights issue. North East Bus, which has been bought from West Midlands Travel, part of National Express Group, will be paid for in cash. Cowie will pay £24.5 million plus a £2 million dividend payable on

North East Bus has annualised turnover of about £29 million and runs services in County Durham and on Teesside.

In the nine months ending December 31 last year, it made an operating profit of £3 million. It has 422 buses and nearly 1,200 employees.

National Express said yesterday that the proceeds of the sale would be re-invested in the group.

Cowie shares ticked down lp, to 373p, while National Express shares also closed down lp, at 442p.

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Salvesen rejects Hays offer

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN yesterday rejected a takeover bid worth more than £1 billion from Hays, the business services group, but said it was willing to consider "a significantly improved financial proposal" (Sarah Cunningnam writes).

In a letter to Hays, which it also published through the Stock Exchange, the board of Salvesen, the Edinburgh stor-age, distribution and specialist hire group, described the tabled offer, understood to be at 370p a share, as "inade-quate". Chris Masters, chief executive, said the company would not negotiate any deal with Hays. Hays would only say it was "considering its

Hays closed unchanged at 429p. Salvesen lost 4p to 356p.

Dairy Crest shares to float at 155p

SOME 28,000 dairy farmers will receive shares worth an average of £6,000 each when Dairy Crest, the milk and cheese company, is floated this month (Paul Durman writes). Dairy Crest shares were yesterday priced at 155p. valu-

ing the company at £171.4 million. Some analysts had looked for a share price nearer 180p. The company, previously part of the now-defunct Milk

Marketing Board, is owned by the Residuary Milk Marketing Board on behalf of farmers. Julian Lakin, a Merrill Lynch analyst, said the pricing had been affected by weak demand for new issues.

Hoare Govett, the broker, yesterday placed 30 per cent of the shares with institutions.

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• Pre-tax profit rose by 12 per cent to £1,331 million, an underlying 8 per cent, excluding the effect of disposals.

- Financial services profit increased by 3 per cent to £554 million, with a reduced profit of £225 million from the life and investment business, and the general business 8 per cent higher at £329 million.
- Tobacco trading profit was up by 7 per cent, to £798 million, against last year's outstanding first half, even though there was a significant increase in brand development expenditure in a number of markets.
- "B.A.T Industries is continuing to make good progress. The Board is declaring an interim dividend of 10.0p, an 8 per cent increase, as part of our long-term commitment to deliver superior total returns for shareholders."

Lord Cairns, Chairman

The full interim report is being posted to shareholders and copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.I.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SWIH ONL.

Bid for Kleinwort trust

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

TR EUROPEAN Growth Trust (Treg) has announced a near £500 million bid for Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) seven days before shareholders vote on Kepit's own proposals for a share buyback at an extraordi- original fund managers. nary meeting (See Pennington.

Treg is offering 93.86p per no action. Treg says that its existing shareholders will benper warrant, although the efit from an uplift in net asset final offer depends on market price and expenses on the day the bid is completed. Kepit shares rose 2p to 91p yesterday tion than Kepit's own buyback on the news. However, since the launch of the trust in 1994 the shares have traded consistently at a discount to the net asset value (NAV) per share. the warrant price.

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At July 29, Kepit's NAV was 102.9p. Treg is offering the equivalent of an NAV of 94.6p and says the lower figure takes into account the cost of winding up the company, legal fees. and termination fees for the

Kepit, meanwhile, is recommending its shareholders take value. Sir Geoffrey Littler, chairman of Treg, said the offer represented a better opscheme. He added that it represented "a 5 per cent increase on the July 30 share price and a 10 per cent rise on



US economic cheer puts shares back above 3,700

economy cheered investors on both sides of the Atlantic and carried the London stock market back above the 3,700 level.

The latest Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index revealed a weaker trend, easing fears that the US economy was overheating and wornes over the need of a rate rise.

London took advantage and there were some encouraging trading statements from a clutch of leading companies. Share prices closed near their best levels of the day. The FT-SE 100 index reflected an early mark-up in the Dow Jones average, finishing 34.7 points up at 3.703.2.

New product launches at Glaxo Wellcome have cushioned declining sales of its best-selling, anti-ulcer treatment Zantac, which comes off patent next year. The company was also upbeat about the progress being made on the Aids front with Epivir and Retrovir, its two treatments. It emerged with half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £461 million to £1.5 billion after the merger. The shares failed to reflect the company's enthusiasm. finishing 412p cheaper at 89412p.

The absence of the muchtalked of bid from Glaxo Wellcome saw Chiroscience touch 352p before bouncing back to finish 3p better at 368p. Almost one million shares changed hands, suggesting someone may still be stalking the company.

The City gave a warm response to half-year figures from BAT Industries, up 22p at 504p, showing pre-tax profits up £110 million at £876 million. Once again the main thrust to profits came from the tobacco side, but the group confirmed plans to expand the business and is looking overseas to make acquisitions. Savings on the financial side were expected to reach £50 million during the next five

A better than expected performance from Guardian Royal Exchange boosted the shares 9p to 243p. Interim pretax profits were down from E327 million to £231 million. According to brokers it could have been a lot worse. Thames Water's share

buyback boosted stock market turnover after Cazenove, the company's broker, picked up an estimated 41.4 million shares at 543p each. The shares finished 5p cheaper at



Board chairman, left, and Mike Dowdall of Dairy Crest

540p. At Tuesday's annual meeting the group obtained permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of the issued share

canital Total stock market turnover reached 784 million. Northern Ireland Electricity reacted to news of the industry regulator's pricing proposals with a fall of 53p to

changed hands in a thin market. Brokers say a correc-tion was inevitable after seeing the price drop by around 100p in recent weeks.

Shares of Dairy Crest. whose chairman is Mike Dowdall, are to start trading on the stock market next month at 155p, valuing the 353p. The company said the entire company at £171 mil-proposals contained in the lion. That is at the lower end of

Kingfisher rose 6p to 623p helped by a bullish review from SBC Warburg, the hroker, which appears impressed by future strategy. Warburg expects Kingfisher to achieve significant growth and increase market share across the retail sector. Aboveaverage growth should be seen up to the turn of the century.

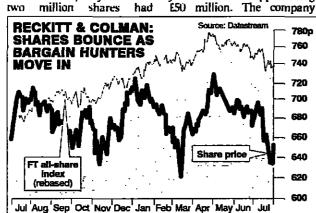
review are likely to lead to more than 560 million a year in lost revenue. If the company rejects the proposals the matter will go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The bargain-hunters were out in force at Reckitt & Colman as the price shrugged off recent weakness to end 24p dearer at 657p. By the close

COMMODITIES

expectations and suggests the dairy products group is the latest casualty of City investors' growing disillusionment with the steady stream of new issues. Rivals Northern Foods eased 2p to 187p, while

Unigate firmed 2p to 40912p.
Sims Foods fell 4p to 25p after plunging into the red last year with losses approaching E50 million. The company



cow" disease and losses on disposals. Christian Salvesen, the

business services group, slipped 4p to 356p, having briefly touched 344p. after rejecting the bid approach from rival Hays, unchanged at 429p.

Stagecoach soared 6012p to 54212p after paying £476 million for the Porterbrook railway rolling stock leasing company, while Cowie was Ip easier at 373p after paying National Express £24.5 million for North East Bus. It makes Cowie Britain's second biggest bus operator.

A profits warning left Marshalls, the building supplier, op lower at 138p. Shareholders were told at the annual meeting that operating profits were down 13 per cent in the first quarter on the corresponding period last year. Andrew Marshall, chairman, said the commerical, industrial and housing markets had not

shown any improvement. Pilkington fell 8p to 182p after some cautious comments

at the annual meeting.

Card Clear, the credit card payment and fraud prevention specialist, firmed 2p to 34p. The group, where Nigel Whittaker, former Kingfisher director, is on the board, has entered into a joint venture with Masterchange, foreign exchange operator.

Shares of Colorvision were suspended at 21p prior to the group's bankers appointing administrative receivers. The company said the move was made because of expected trading levels and the worsening cash flow situation.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The ill-effects of sterling's weakness on the foreign exchange was offset by firmer US treasury bonds and German bunds. In thin trading, prices across the spectrum managed

to claw back earlier falls in

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On the rails

done little to detract from the

company's strong financial

performance. The tobacco

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Eastern Europe and the de-

veloping world. Profits at

BAT's financial services arm

are recovering and should

benefit from lower costs after

ROWLING and grumbling from the Labur Party clearly did an enormous favour to he capitalists who invested in Porterbrook. In ne teeth of opposition anger in November last ear, the Department of Transport received aly £527 million for the rolling stock impany that vesterday was sold to agecoach for an enterprise value of £825

Investor sentiment has clearly changed bout the nascent private rail industry and, as sual. Stagecoach is making a grab for the iniest apples. The bus company has been dding for most of the private rail franchises ling, but so far has secured only one outh West Trains, a strong indication that it as been underbidding. In truth, Stagecoach ay have lost some of its keen interest in the ot market for rail franchises. The money to

be made from leasing rather than operating trains, explains why. Stagecoach is buying Porterbrook for less than ten times its preinterest profits of ES6 million. That in itself looks modest for a business that enjoys a government guarantee on 80 per cent of its revenue. The gilt-edged cashflow of about \$140 million per annum will be securitised allowing Stagecoach to substantially reduce interest costs. At the same time, the renewal of train maintenance contracts offers the opportunity to squeeze competing workshops.

The only worry for Stagecoach is that the OFT objects to a rolling stock company being owned by a train operator. Objections will be raised to vertical integration, but if Stagecoach wants to increase Porterbrook's business it would have little interest in doing sweetheart deals with South West Trains.

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BAT Industries

BAT is fond of reminding investors that it has never paid a penny in compensation to sufferers of smokingrelated illnesses. Yet its share price performance bears an iny resemblance to that of T&N, which has paid millions of pounds to asbestosis sufferers. BAT still faces scores of

good income. Hopes of a financial services acquisition the reorganisation. But for all BAT's huffing and puffcould set the shares moving. ing. the share price will MORE ASSURANCE NEEDED

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Crest

REST looks cheap. of the milk and mpany are hiding it the modest £171.4 valuation recommended by its advisers.

At 155p, Dairy Crest's shares are being offered at just over seven times forecasts of current-year earnings. Milk rivals Unigate and Northern Foods, admittedly more broadly based companies, trade on multiples of 10.4 and 12 times.

Before reaching for your cheque book, it is worth remembering that Dairy Crest's growth prospects are limited. Milk sales are falling and the cheese market is not growing. Dairy Crest intends to build up its branded business, which includes mature cheddar, but this may difficult. The company has already cut its cost base. There is also the contin-

uing row over Milk

DOLLAR RATES

milk, and the possibility of a trickle of share sales from the 28,000 farmers who will end up owning nearly 70 per cent of the company.

The Residuary Milk Marketing Board opted for a flotation despite interest from purchasers who may still be in the wings. With strong cash flow, no debt, a prospective yield of 7.5 per cent and some speculative interest. Dairy Crest offers investors ample downside protection.

GRE

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange attempts to make a virtue out of shrinking its business. Writing new business for profit, not for volume, is the intention and who would quibble? Hence the company's decision to pull out of a deal to write insurance for Nationwide Building Society. Unfortunately, GRE's self-

imposed diet has not been accompanied by generosity

decision to stop feeding unprofitable business lines should release capital which might be used in share buybacks. Instead, GRE has been writing cheques to pay for acquisitions: expanding in commercial property with the £48 million purchase of Legal & General's business and the takeover of RAC Insurance Services.

GRE is cutting its staff costs having taken a restructuring provision last year, but shrinking the business ought to accelerate the process. But rivals such as the merged Royal & Sun Alliance have bigger scope for savings. That leaves the hope of a takeover. Murmurings from BAT yesterday about insurance acquisitions put Eagle Star in the frame as a potential suitor. However spurious, bid speculation is all that supports the GRE share price. It offers a yield premium well below that of better composite insurers.

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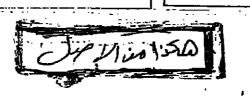
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We're talking phone numbers

CARDCALL, the AIMbound company that pro-duces phonecards, has turned a telling-off from BT to its favour. To liven up its phonecards, Card-Call has been decorating them with different de signs, ranging from, Bat-man to National Lottery balls. CardCall recently plumped for a picture of a good old British phone-box. Then, BT pulled the plug, terrified that people would think they were using a BT product.

After a court settlement, CardCall agreed to cease production, which left them with unsellable stock of 1,000 cards. Unlike runof the mill limited edition phonecards, the "Redbox" series are the only ones to have been pulled after a legal dispute, and collectors are going crazy for them. Through the pages of phonecard magazines, CardCall's remaining cards, worth £2, are changing hands for £100 each. At a production cost of 10p, this gives the otherwise useless cards à value of £100,000.

Hard cheese

DAIRY CREST discarded 20 pounds of prize-win-ning cheddar cheese yesterday. A huge sculpture, carved in the shape of Dairy Crest's 155p share price from a champion cheddar called Davidstow. which won first prize in the Nantwich International Cheese Show yesterday. was wheeled out for the flotation. According to Dairy Crest: "It's a very fine cheese, and wasn't in the best condition at the end of the day."

Albingia, Guardian Royal Exchange's German arm, has a convincing name for its new personal motor insurance company, launched last week - Die Alternative



Floating asset

NEW arrival at

Cliveden won't make a huge contribution to the hotel's profits. The grand hotel has just splashed out £15.000 on the Belmont a beautiful slipper launch built in 1934. The 33ft vessel is for the exclusive use of guests who stay at the newly restored Spring Cottage, a National Trust house on the banks of the River Thames, that was built for the Duchess of Sutherland, and used by Cliveden owners. The hotel boasts two boats - the Liddersdale, an electric canoe, and Suzie-Ann, a £75,000 vessel named after the chairman's wife, who also happens to be the current managing director's ex-wife.

Safer bet

WE know the real reason why London Clubs is relocating the Ritz casino around the corner to St James's Street, rather than extend its lease for its current home in the hotel's basement According to a former general manager of the Ritz Hotel, the Queen's garden, which backs onto the casino, used to leak like a sieve. He explains: "It was more Manila than Piccadilly. But bearing in mind that we only paid ten guincas a

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When the public sector is better than the private

DOES BRITAIN'S GOVERNMENT SPEND TOO MUCH?

PUBLIC SPENDING

As a per cent of GDP

PUBLIC SPENDING ON

Governments

have better

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re public spending and taxes really too high in Britain? It is all too rare these days for a discussion by academically respectable economists to get straight to the point by asking such a direct and important question. For this novelty alone, the article entitled "Are Government Spending and Taxes Too High (or Too Low)?". which was published yesterday in the National Institute Economic Review, would deserve attention. And going beyond the title, this concise analysis of Britain's public finances after 17 years of Tory rule should, despite its impenetrable prose and sometimes perverse conclusions, be made compulsory reading for politicians and

The value of this article lies not in its main policy conclusion. This is essentially that the only way to reduce, or even control, taxes and public spending is to put the unemployed back to work. This proposition. which has long been obvious to anyone schooled in the Keynesian tradition, is now widely accepted by policymakers the world over. The only people who still seem to believe that significant reductions can be made in either taxes or public spending, without macroeconomic measures to stimulate economic growth are the impractical theorists who inhabit the last redoubts of monetarism -- places such as

commentators of all parties.

the German Bundesbank, the European Commission and the office of Gordon Brown. The really significant contribution of John Flemming and Peter Oppenheimer, the two distinguished Oxford economists. has not been to proffer their advice but simply to bring together in one thorough study the key statistics and arguments about public finance which have been almost completely missed in the incredibly shallow political debate on these all-important issues. While it is now well-known

that public spending and taxes as a share of GDP remained roughly unchanged in the 17 years of Tory rule, the shift in the way the Government spends our money is less widely recognised. The fact is that the Tories have cut spending, and cut it significantly, on many of the key functions of Government. The money spent on providing public goods and services such as education. health, defence, justice, arts and transport has fallen substantially as a proportion of GDP. The trouble is that the savings generated by these cuts have been swallowed up completely by the extra spending on social security transfers — spending which Flemming and Oppenheimer rightly attribute almost entirely to high unemployment, even if much of it is disguised as pensions for early retirees or disability benefits for people pushed off the unem-

ployment rolls. The article rightly rejects most of the Government's claims that spending on health, education and other popular public services has increased in "real terms" under the Tories, Such claims are generally based on misleading statistics which compare the growth in spending with the increase in retail prices. But health, education, policing and most other public services are very labour-intensive, so spending must general-

> The article also rejects claims that huge efficiency improvements have been "ploughed back" into the provision of better services, since most of these "efficiencies" have resulted simply from holding down pay

ly rise in line with wages.

rather than prices, for the

standard of service just to stand

in the public sec-tor relative to the private sector - a course which is unsustainable in the long term and will eventually be

reversed. The article also sup-ports a point often made in this column, particularly in dis-cussing health. Even if private provision of certain public ser-vices, such as health and education, turns out to be more efficient in certain respects for example in making more intensive use of medical equipment and classrooms or in reducing waste in physical resources or employee rostering - it does not follow that privatisation or competition would save money for taxpayers or release resources for other sectors of the economy. Indeed, commercialising the public services will generally drive up costs and result in a

higher proportion of the economy's resources being devoted to health, education, policing and so forth.

EDUCATION

As a per cent of GDP

The main reason for this is that the Government supplies less in the way of health care and education than many people would buy if left to their own devices. This is particularly true as a country gets richer, the returns to education increase and people live longer and have more income to spare on preserving their health. By rationing the amount of services publicly available - and forcing those who want to buy from the private sector to pay twice over, through taxes on top of insurance or fees - the State actually ensures that education, health and other public services absorb less of the economy's resoucres than

they would in a competitive

The Government also acts as

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controls and more competition. This can be seen seen most clearly by comparing health spending in America and Brit-ain. America spends 13 per cent of GDP on health, as against 6 per cent in Britain. Within that 13 per cent total, however, the American Government, spends more than 5 per cent of GDP to buy modest standards of care for the retired and the indigent. This public spending is the same as Britain's total spend-ing on the NHS for the whole

population. The NHS is so people tend to demand salaries much more efficient than closer to the market rate. America's commercial system The fourth problem is that that Britain effectively gets commercial systems are hard

HEALTH

medicine for everyone under 65 to organise in many public as a free extra. services, simply because the output is difficult to measure. in education, by contrast, Britain spends about the same For example, the attempt to as most other countries. If measure health service effici-Britain's educational attainency by hospital waiting lists and finished consultant epiments are unimpressive, this seems to have little to do either sodes" is convincingly dewith "underresourcing" or with bunked by Flemming and the lack of commercial man-Oppenheimer. These measures of output bear little relation to All these arguments about the health of patients, or even

efficiency and resource allocation, however, beg an important question. What if people want to spend or even " more money on health, education and other public services than the political system seems to allow?

As a society gets richer, should tax-financed public ser-vices be replaced with private commercial ones to give citizens the right to buy more health, education and so on, even if this is in some sense economically wasteful? And what right does the Government have to operate a monopoly designed to keep down the pay of doctors, professors and so on, simply in order to give taxpayers a better deal?

These are the kind of questions the radical Right ought to be asking if they want to privatise core services in the public sector and dramatically reduce the role of the State. As long as the free-marketeers hide behind bogus claims about increasing efficiency and saving money, they will con-vince no one. The public services are not inherently inefficient — and markets do not always save money. Anyone who finds this incredible should read the National Institute review.

Princely dream begins to reap timely reward

Jon Ashworth finds renewed optimism

over the contentious Poundbury project.

The royal divorce settlement has come and gone, but there is no easy let-up for the Duchy of Cornwall, the traditional provider of income to the Prince of Wales. Pressure on the Duchy to perform is greater than ever, and nowhere are the stakes higher than in Poundbury, the controversial housing develop-Dorchester, West Dorset.

The butt of various jokes over the years, Poundbury is at last beginning to prove its critics wrong. Some 69 houses have been built since work began three years ago, and a further 88 are under construction. Half the homes vere purchased by the Guinness Trust for letting to local people. The development's "toytown" image belies what is intended to become a sizeable extension to Dorchester, providing 2,500 homes at prices from

£58,000 to £140,000. Poundoury's origins date to 1987 when West Dorset District Council designated 400 acres of Duchy of Cornwaii iand for development. Leon Krier, an architect and urban planner, was asked to design an urban extension to Dorchester in sympathy with the style and layout of traditional West Dorset.

A boost to Poundbury's struggle for respectability came this summer when SMTech, an American owned high-tech electronics firm, became the first major business to choose to base there. The hope is that a mix of industries will follow, limiting exposure to any one sector -Poundbury has had a rough enough ride without the stigma of a corporate collapse.

When the Prince of Wales formally opened SMTech's offices, he praised West Dorset District Council for its support and said new ground had been broken in designs and standards. The task now lay in creating a sense of community by bringing homes and workplaces together, he said. Poundbury was in a much more interesting and potentially exciting position when it came to attracting new

residents and businesses. There are benefits as a whole for West Dorset, which has suffered from defence cutbacks at Portland and Weymouth. The hope is that Poundbury will act as a lure to investors, boosting local employment. SMTech publicity. Owned by Qual Systems Corporation of Phil-adelphia, the company makes machines that print solder paste on to printed circuit boards. The units, which cost up to £100,000 each, are air-freighted to America and Japan. Clients include Samsung, Siemens, and Motorola, which use the technology in everything from mobile phones to laptop computers, SMTech

million. The number of foreign visitors is growing, many from South Korea and Japan. Dignitaries are treated to splendid views of rolling sound of lorries and cementmixers. The Prince of Wales "connection" can do no harm. There are plans to turn a central courtyard into a ceremonial Japanese garden.

has annual sales above £5

David Wheatley, manag-ing director of SMTech, was encouraged by the Duchy to move from smaller premises in Dorchester. He said: They understood our requirement for a high-quality environment ... that would impress visitors."

mproving fortunes at Poundbury are all too welcome to the Duchy. Income has swelled dramatically in recent years, fuelled by tight control of costs and a tougher stance on tenant farmers. Duchy income for 1995 amounted to £10.2 million. After operating costs, the surplus payable to the Prince of Wales (before tax) was £4.9 million.

The Duchy's portfolio is split between agricultural land, commercial property and stocks and shares. Holdings include more than 220 tenanted farms, about 70,000 acres of Dartmoor, and a valuable slice of London real estate, notably the Oval cricket ground in Kennington. Poundbury is a small, but visible, part of an eclectic portfolio.

Critics have been quick to condemn Poundbury - it can look bleak on a bad day, but some basic facilities such as pubs and corner shops will help. The arrival of SMTech has been a huge morale-booster and talks with other prospective business tenants are ongoing. The Prince of Wales might be back cutting the ribbon sooner than he anticipated.



The Prince of Wales, left, touring Poundbury in 1994

Time for independent review of Ofgas arrangements

least ten years. However, it still appears to have so little of

its own expertise that not only

does it continue to require the

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From Mr H. Nicholas Sturcke Sir, There appears to be need for an urgent review of the workings of Ofgas. The further delay in the announcement of its final price control proposals, coupled with the appointment of yet another consultant, SBC Warburg, has, as perhaps implied in your Tempus column (July 23), raised questions on the efficiency with which Ofgas operates, particularly in the light of the continuing need to

limit public expenditure. Ofgas has been operating as

From Mr Michael Hardern

Sir. Mutuality might seem bet-

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Roberts (Letters, July 18) but for

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Rob Thomas, building society

analyst at UBS, calculates that

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also seems unable to appraise the advice provided to it to develop defendable proposals in its mainstream regulatory activity. It is ironical that the intention of Ofgas is to improve the efficiency of British Gas while operating so haphazardly itself. There seems, therefore, to be Chance of a quick payout to be equalled only by 50 years of mutual bounty

average £5,000 investment.

Their expected windfall would be about £1,250 from most

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Economics, common sense

and fairness dictate that most

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and funding of Ofgas; even gas consumers might prefer a reallocation of funds to more deserving effectively run services. Perhaps the first step should be to link movements in the Ofgas budget with the movement of future affordable British Gas dividends. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS STURCKE, Romford House, Kings Toll Road.

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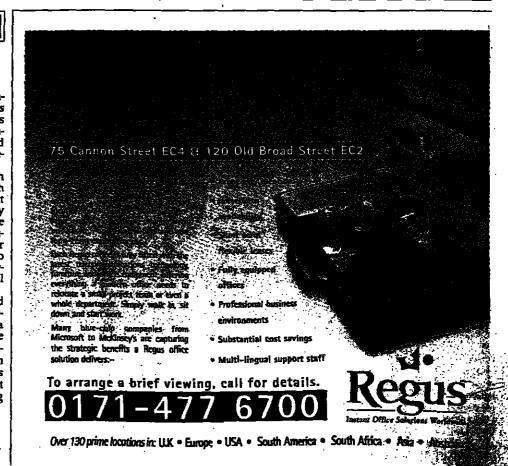
India's cinema

From Mr Robert Hardcastle Sir, I cannot speak for Cana-da, but when Eric Reguly says that cinema advertising is virtually "non-existent" in India, he is badly misinformed (Carlton pays £58m for Cinema Media, July 23).
By the 1950s, during which

time I worked with a British advertising agency in that country, cinema was already well established as the prime medium - much more effective than press advertising or posters when reaching out to the largely illiterate mass market. It remains a powerful force to this day.

Among the many talented visualisers and artists employed by my company was a young man, Manek Roy. He became better known as Satyajit Ray, the celebrated film director, who was always quick to acknowledge his debt to his early training in making cinema advertising films.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT HARDCASTLE, Lawn Conage, Camden Park. Tumbridge Wells, Kent.



Warning by gold miners on land rights

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN KALGOORLIE

AUSTRALIA'S gold-mining community said yesterday that landmark native title legislation protecting aboriginal land rights could deter companies from investing in future mining exploration in Australia.

The Native Title Act was introduced in 1992 as part of Australia's Maho legislation to enshrine the rights of indigenous people over historic land. Addressing the annual Diggers and Dealers gold conference in Kal-

goorlie, Ron Manners, chairman of Croesus Mining, said: "Without some prompt action from Parliament, all Australians will be poorer as a result of Australia's mineral exploration dollars

going elsewhere."

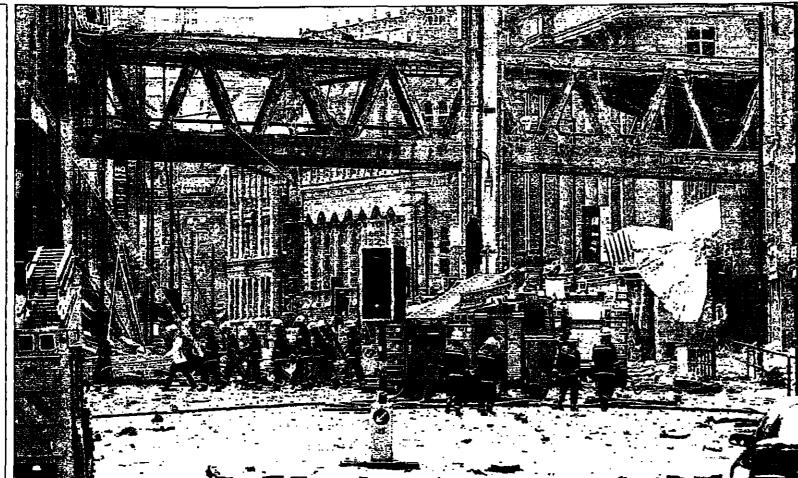
He added: "This illconsidered legislation is having the same effect as similar Canadian legislation, resulting in Canadian companies exploring everywhere in the world

except Canada."
The outburst came amid growing fears among the mining community that local aboriginal communities will use the Native Title Act to block exploration and development.

Only last month. RTZ. the British mining giant. was forced to put on hold its proposed Century Zinc mine in Queensland after its attempts to bypass the Native Title Act met with fierce opposition from aboriginal groups and prompted a political row over the question of land rights.

Robert Champion de Crespigny, chairman of Normandy Mining, told the Kalgoorlie confer-ence yesterday: "The legislation at the moment is totally unsatisfactory, not just to the mining com-munity but to aboriginals as well.

Robert French, president of the Native Title Tribunal, told the mining community yesterday that they had to be pragabout



The bomb attack by the IRA in Manchester in June contributed to a decline in first-half pre-tax profits at Guardian Royal Exchange

IRA's Manchester bombing costs Guardian Royal £5m

Arndale centre in Manchester cost Guardian Royal Exchange £5 million and contributed to a 29 per cent fall in its first-half pre-tax profits.

The group made profits of £231 million in the first half of this year, compared with £327 million over the same period last year. John Robins, group chief executive, said that the results were satisfactory. He added: "Despite tough

SONY, the Japanese electron-

ics group, more than doubled

profits in the first quarter.

despite incurring a loss on the

Net profits increased to

Y17.10 billion (\$159 million) in

the three months to June 30,

forward contracts in curren-

foreign exchange market.

THE IRA bombing of the trading conditions in all our markets and the effects of severe weather in North America and the UK the group achieved a satisfactory trading profit of £137 million for the period." The interim dividend was increased 9.7 per cent, from 3.1p per share to 3.4p per share.

Guardian Royal Exchange has been mooted as a possible takeover target, especially after the merger of Royal and

cies resulted in a foreign

exchange loss of Y568 million

(\$5.30 million). The gains were

fuelled by strong worldwide sales of televisions, video and

audio equipment and other

electronics goods, as well as

entertainment products for

counted for some of the

By CAROLINE MERRELL Sun Alliance, two of its main

Mr Robins denied that the group was in talks with any particular company about a merger, but said: "We believe we have to compete more effectively." The group's trad-ing profit for the first half was down 23 per cent to £137 million from £179 million last

The UK general insurance division made an underwrit-

growth in Sony's overseas

sales. A drop in the yen's value

makes Japanese products

more competitive abroad, as

this brings down their prices

last year. Sales were particu-

Group sales increased to

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ing loss of £14 million in the first six months of the year. compared with profits of £30 million in the first half of 1995. As well as the impact of the Manchester bomb, the underwriting results were adversely effected by high subsidence claims, which increased losses by £7 million.

The UK life insurance division fared better, increasing contributions to profits from E9 million to E11 million. The

larly strong in America and

Sony remained cautious

on the outlook for the full

year, sticking to its forecast

of net profits of Y95 billion

(\$887 million) on sales of Y5

trillion (\$46.7 billion). This

per cent higher.

group announced that it had cut six-month operating costs from £43.6 million to £33.6 million — a drop of 23 per cent.

Mr Robins said that the life insurance company was on target to cut its costs by 50 per cent. He added: "In our financial services operations we maintained the pressure on operating expenses."
Mr Robins said the restruc-

turing of its life insurance subsidiary would continue and that it was intended to concentrate on selling critical illness and long-term care and

health insurance products.

He highlighted the appointment of Alan Oddie, formerly new business development director of M&G, the fund manager, to head the financial services division.

He also said that the group wanted to continue the expansion of its direct operations.

The company said it was looking to expand in Amerrica through the purchase of another general insurer. Mr Robins said that it intended to spend in the region of £333 million on a purchase.

THE Holy Grail has been sighted again. Through misty swirling clouds, a glimpse has

been reported by the mighty firm of KPMG.
The possibility of tax simplification is assessed

in a survey of finance directors' views that the

Much of it is predictable. The costs are rock-

eting upwards. The 266 finance directors of

listed companies who responded to the survey

indicated tax compliance costs ranging from £3,500 a year to £1.25 million. The mean value

was £126,400 and from this KPMG extrapol-

ate a total annual expenditure by the UK's list-

ed companies of about £265 million. Of that, 55

per cent is staff costs, says the survey, and 36

So there you have the first problem. A huge

number of people make a good living out of

the very tax complexity that everyone moans

about. Furthermore, the survey shows that this

enterprising tax culture is expanding at a

pretty satisfactory rate for tax experts general-

ly. "Over the period 1991-96." says the survey,

tax compliance costs have

increased by 33.6 per cent as

compared to an RPI increase

of 14.5 per cent." As at many

junctures in arguments

about tax complexity put

across by tax advisers, you

want to stop them and ask

whether they are boasting or

complaining. At this point in

the argument people usual-

ly pick up a cudgel and take

a swipe at the Inland Reve-

nue. Unusually, the survey

shows that this route is not

as popular as thought. More

people (35 per cent) thought

the tax authorities to be help-

ful than unhelpful (18.8 per

per cent is the cost of external advisers.

firm has published this week.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Australian shares soar after rate cut

AUSTRALIAS Reserve Bank vesterday cut interest rates from 7.5 per cent to 7 per cent in a surprise move which met an enthusiastic response from the business community. David Trude, senior operating officer at First Pacific. stockbrokers, said: "It is a great psychological boost — it's good for the building companies, it's good for the banks, it's good for the financial services industry, it will definitely help. The economy needed this.

It was the first adjustment since rates were raised by 1 per cent in December 1994. Shares on the Australian stock market soared, closing 49.5 points ahead at 2,180.3, their biggest oneday rise for two years. The Reserve Bank said the cut had been made because of the improved outlook for inflation and for faster economic growth. Bernie Fraser. Governor, said: The reduction in rates will help buoy the economy and make more progress over the year ahead in reducing unemployment".

Hinchliffe hearing

THE Department of Trade and Industry has applied to have Stephen Hinchliffe, the entrepreneur and founder of Facia, the collapsed high street retail group, to be disqualified under Section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. Today's proceedings at the district court in Newcastle upon Tyne also involve Christopher Harrison, a fellow Facia director, and centre on the collapse two years ago of Boxgrey, a company formerly known as En-Tout-Cas.

J&J Dyson advances

SHARES in J&J Dyson, the Sheffield-based refractories supplier and building-materials company, jumped 12p to 215p on a better-than-expected pre-tax profit of £2.88 million for the year ending March 31, up 20 per cent from £2.39 million previously. Turnover was £55.6 million (£50.1 million). A final dividend of 3p will be paid on October 1, making a full-year dividend of 4.5p, up from 4p previously. The company said trading had picked up in the final quarter.

New jobs for Scotland

A THIRD Taiwanese company is to open a plant in Scotland's old steel belt, creating 200 jobs. The announcement yesterday of the £12 million components plant in Mossend, Lanarkshire, for the Allied Precision Company (UK) comes only weeks after Lite-On Technology, another Taiwan firm, announced plans for a computer monitor plant with more than 1,000 jobs. In November, Chungwha Picture Tubes of Taiwan said it would build a £260 million plant at Mossend.

Midshires ahead by 14%

BIRMINGHAM MIDSHIRES, the tenth-largest building society, announced a 14 per cent rise in interim operating profit to £34.3 million and an 18 per cent reduction in provisions for bad debts to £1.8 million. Including an exceptional loss of £1.6 million last year, pre-tax profit rose 20 per cent in the six months to £34.3 million from £28.6 million in the same period of 1995. The society expects house prices to rise by two to four per cent by the end of the year.

Precoat earnings up

Quest for Holy Grail

of tax simplification

PRECOAT INTERNATIONAL, the UK's largest manufacturer of pre-coated steel, lifted pre-tax profits 24 per cent to £3.05 million and earnings 21 per cent to 14.7p per share during the year to April 30. The group, which generates 20 per cent of sales from Canada, said anticipated sluggish home demand could affect trading. A final dividend of 3.3p, due on October 1, makes a total of 5.5p (4.5op). The shares. placed at 125p in April 1995, eased 2p to 192p.

YI.17 trillion (\$10.9 billion) would leave profits up 75 per compared with Y7.47 billion Sony's music and pictures (\$69.8 million) in the same during the quarter, a rise of 31 cent on the previous year, period last year. Movement in Weakness in the yen acper cent on the same period while sales would be nine

Sony doubles first-quarter profits

against

ACCOUNTANCY

Derivatives caught in hedge

Gerry Acher on an issue that may

bring ASB thinking to a crunch

have been around for a very long time and are still not wholly resolved — just think of goodwill. Derivatives. however, are a child of the past two decades. Two weeks ago. they came of age when the ASB issued its long-awaited discussion paper on deriva-tives. Though a fortnight is too short a time to digest all its complexities, we can begin to mull over the bigger issues.

First, more disclosure is proposed. That is uncontentious, and I support it. But the other half of the story is measurement. This tells you what figure to put in the balance sheet and what profits to report. The core of the measurement proposals is that all financial instruments. including most monetary as-sets and liabilities, as well, be stated at current value, often known as marking-to-market.

The ASB's tentative conclusions would have a dramatic impact on the way we look at accounts and would extend far beyond the question of how to account for derivatives. Preparers and commentators have not yet grasped the size or complexity of the issues. I will highlight just one that could bring the ASB's thinking

to a crunch. The issue is hedging; if a hedge does its job, there should

ome accounting issues be no profit or loss as a result of changes in the factor hedged. But accountants and standard-setters around the world have struggled for an acceptable definition of a hedge, one meeting economic reality and accounting theory. Derivatives have vastly multiplied the opportunity to

hedge. Held as hedges, many are already marked-to-market and, to that extent, appear on companies' balance sheets, but the ASB's concern is driven by those that are not. Its main concern lies in cases in which a realised gain or loss is carried forward against a future transaction. It has difficulty fitting that treatment into its definitions of assets and liabilities and feels uneasy that such items should go other than through the profit and loss account. This then extends to the view that unrealised gains and losses on hedges should

receive the same treatment. Let us study that proposition. Much of the earlier comment cited the case of Japan Airlines (JAL) and its Y173 billion (EL.) billion) "losses" on hedges. It seems that, in the mid-1980s, JAL had taken out forward currency contracts to buy dollars (for yen) to hedge against changes in the yen equivalent amount of the purchase prices of aircraft. Whether those purchases were committed ones or



Gerry Acher says Britain can lead the debate on hedging

merely planned, does not really matter as far as illustrating the issues is concerned. In effect, the purchase price risk was fixed at the yen equivalent in the mid-1980s, but, as luck would have it, the yen strengthened and the jets. would have cost them Y173 billion less if they had not bothered with the hedge. That

is certainly an opportunity loss, but is it one that should be recognised there and then in the profit and loss account. Suppose that JAL had con-

as the ASB would propose? tracted to buy the aircraft in yen, then, come the day that the aircraft entered service, the yen cost would be set against operating revenues in the form

of depreciation. If it turns out that the yen price of the aircraft was more than they would have paid had they con-tracted in dollars, should the difference be immediately expensed? If the list price of a machine falls after you contract to buy it, do you necess-arily write off the difference at once? This is the equivalent of the ASB proposal, because all that the hedge achieves is to convert a dollar commitment into a yen one; economically, the result is the same.

hat really seems to give the ASB difficulty is the idea of spreading the "loss" forward over the life of the aircraft. Rather than facing up to the definitional problems, it opts to cut the Gordian knot by not dealing with them at all although, curiously, they then reappear in weaker form in another part of the proposals. To mark-to-market would recognise the loss on the derivative as one transaction, and the purchase of the jet as something completely separate.

The ASB is not alone in facing this thorny problem: the IASC and the FASB are also trying to tackle the issue. If we can all co-operate, we might even pull off the trick of having consistent approaches around the world. What is more, the opportunity is there for the UK to lead the debate. But we must get it right.

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cent). For the finance directors surveyed, the greatest problem was the complexity of tax legislation. An overwhelming 95.1 per cent thought it was the

greatest problem of all, with 4.5 per cent unable to make up their minds and those who disagreed with the idea being so few and far between as to be almost unmeasurable. Tax complexity has always got the vote in

recent years. It is an obvious choice, KPMG quotes the recent legislation on corporate debt, which, leaving out the transitional provisions, runs to 25 sections and seven schedules in the 1996 Finance Act. taking up 84 pages. As the firm says, that is "too lengthy to use without incurring excessive costs". But judging by the anonymous comments quoted in the survey, finance directors do not think much will come from the current efforts to rewrite tax legislation in a simpler form. "Tax and inexorably rising legal fees.

simplification is a noble objective," says one. "but will not be achieved by simply rewriting the tax Acts in supposedly plain language. A fundamental overhaul is required.

"Fewer taxes and fewer reliefs would simplify the system, but, with the lawmakers' obsession that everyone is into avoidance schemes on a wholesale basis, simplification is impossible." And this is where the survey really touches on the way that the Revenue whose policies in recent years have been directed as much by slash-and-burn accountants as by people attempting to implement tax policies - has changed. When it came to categories of service like "timeliness of response". "efficiency", and, to a lesser extent, "accuracy", many more people thought the Revenue had improved over the past five years than thought it had not. But the reverse was true when it came to "helpfulness". "suspicion", and "aggression". In particular, Sl.5 per cent thought the Inland Revenue's aggression had increased over the period.

Only 8.6 per cent thought that it had become less aggressive. Part of this is predictable - a knee-jerk response. It is always going to be hard to say that tax gatherers are nice, well-mannered folk. But the problem is going to worsen. The whole shift to-

ROBERT BRUCE

wards self-assessment and its swingeing penalties for seemingly innocuous behav-iour is going to make the whole relationship more confrontational. Add to that the pressures that are going to be felt by much-reduced Revenue staff numbers and you have an inevitable worsening of the relationship. The answers to this worrying change are difficult to discern. The survey suggests that there should be fewer taxes - 71.4 per cent agreed with that idea. But the most

popular route to that solution, favoured by 57 per cent, was to abolish National Insurance contributions and merge them with income tax. But no government of whatever hue is going to make it more obvious to voters quite what an immense amount of tax is scooped from their salaries.

Trying to reduce tax complexity will remain a Holy Grail. It is tempting. At times, it may seem almost attainable. But the system runs against it. Corporate affairs are more complex. Transactions are more complex. Tax advisers are multiplying like rabbits. The only certainties left to us are death, taxes

Have pencil, will investigate

ACCOUNTANTS are always complaining that it takes ages, or is impossible, to get at the documents needed for an investigation or an audit. However, when the roles are reversed, things are often no better. Take the latest report from the profession's Joint Disciplinary Scheme, into the aftermath of fraud at International Signal and Control on any of the American hrm's Group (ISC). Michael Chance, files, rendering extensive note-

the Scheme's executive countaking necessary." No wonder that the investigation cost sel, reports that, after lengthy "approximately" £500,000. efforts, the relevant working papers were found to be at KPMG's New York offices.

"Once they had been found, a

third visit to America was

arranged." his report says.

"My investigating accoun-

tants were not permitted to

photocopy relevant material

Not so constant

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

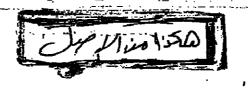
KPMG's study of finance directors' views on simplifying tax bears many useful ideas. It also inadvertently praises the Inland Revenue, where no praise, to judge by the rest of the survey, is due. An argument in the text about how people thought the Revenue's timeliness of response had got worse in the past five years is illustrated in a bar chart labelled "Timelessness of response". If only tax policies

Birthday boy IT IS NOT often that accountants are honoured for their

were that constant.

fine works. However, one who has retained the affection and respect of the profession for more years than most people would care to measure is Will Baxter, Professor Emeritus at the London School of Economics. A book of essays in honour of the man whom it describes as a "gentle revolutionary" has been published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, at a suitably modest price of £8 a copy, to honour his 90th birthday.

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The re-release of the Coen brothers' lits th feature, Blood Simple, puts newer independent to shame

CINEMA: Geoff Brown finds that sour-sweet Dahl is more to his taste than drippy eco-drama

Unreal dolphin, surreal fruit

ow do you like your family enter-tainment, bland or tasty? This week you have a choice. In Flipper an animatronic dolphin does everything but wink as it helps a teenager to realise that there is more to life than sulking behind dark glasses. In James and the Giant Peach, based on Roald Dahl's first book for children, a mistreated orphan escapes from his nasty and greedy aunts by venturing inside a giant peach and journeying to the New World with the insects embedded within. One film limps along with staid adventures seen many times before, the other serves up surreal fantasy dazzling enough to lure adults as well as children. No prizes for guessing which is which.

James and the Giant Peach was put into production by director Henry Selick and coproducers Tim Burton and Denise Di Novi, the team responsible for The Nightmare Before Christmas. There are live-action scenes at the front and the rear, while the large chunk in the middle uses stop-motion puppet animation with exceptional finesse. But where Nightmare insisted too loudly on the ghoulish nightmare dreamt up by Tim Burton, Selick transfers Dahl's imaginings from page to screen with an agreeable,

nonchalant flourish. The live-action introduction lures us into an unpredictable, highly stylised world ringed about with menace and vaguely set in the 1940s. After a rampaging rhino gobbles his parents, happy child James (a lively Paul Terry) is packed off to live with two rapacious aunts (somery-chewing Miriam Margolyes and Joanna Lumley). Salvation arrives with a magic bag of crocodile tongues that brings a dead peach tree to life. Once James crawls into the outsize fruit, animation takes over: how else could you dress a grasshopper in a monocle, morning coat and cane, or depict a peach being carried across the Atlan-

tic by a flock of seagulls? Dahl's book has no strong dramatic line: it jumps from curious event to event like any story improvised night after night at a child's bedside. Selick's cohorts had problems manufacturing a workable script - an early treatment by Dennis Potter was rejected for straying. too far from the source. But the peach's inhabitants provide a jolly vaude-ville show, and invented episodes such as the battle with a shipful of skeleton pirates add welcome punch

and variety. Among the voices, David Thewlis's distinctively lugubrious tones make a perfect fit for the pessimistic Glowworm, and Richard Dreyfuss's bumptious squawk suits the wisecracking Centipede, cigar permanently clamped between his teeth. Who, though, would recognise Susan Sarandon as the voice of the Spider, whose birthplace seems to be deepest Russia? Along the way there are



James and the Giant Peach: Roald Dahl's story has now been turned into a "surreal fantasy dazzling enough to lure adults as well as children"

unmemorable melodically but used to bolster the story and to underline the gentle points being made about the need for love and accepting each other. Despite some softening of Dahl's macabre wit - the film, after all, is a Disney presentation - readers who have taken the book to their hearts should not be disappointed. Those who have not will be able to revel in the technical dexterity and the delight of voyaging where no

film has gone before.

Now, who is this? He washes dishes by swishing them around in the shower with his foot. He prises open a coconut with two thrusts from two fingers. To toast bread, he flings slices at hooks attached to the wall, then brings out the

He is not the title character in Flipper, the dolphin which some may recall from the Hollywood films and television series produced 30 years ago by Ivan Tors. Nor is he Elijah Wood, the sullen city teenager who unbends through exposure to nature's marvels in the islands off Key West. No: the answer is Crocodile Dundee star Paul Hogan. cast as the uncle who gives his 14-year-old charge the summer holiday of a lifetime, and the only participant to add salt and pepper to a family movie that may keep children quietly occupied but is painfully low

in flavour. In reviving a property from the 1960s, Alan Shapiro, the film's writer and director, has paid some attention to modern times. Out goes childhood innocence, in come teenage attitude, separated parents

James and the Giant Peach Odeon West End, U, 79 mins

Excellent version of Roald Dahi's book Flipper

Plaza, PG, 95 mins The Sixties doInhii returns but does not. make waves

La Règle du Jeu Riverside Studios, PG. 110 mins Jean Renoir's

masterpiece revived **Blood Simple** Virgin Haymarket, 18. 99 mins The Coen brothers'

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and lurid T-shirts. Ecological issues raise their heads too. Before, Flipper wiggled his fins at escaped convicts, ignorant fishermen and others unmoved by his charms. Now the enemy is toxic waste, dumped in the sea by a hissable chap who starts off a particularly lame plot by aim-ing his guns and rendering

Flipper an orphan. Hogan's quirky presence aside none of the contempo-rary elements help this new Flipper to leap into life. Certainly not Elijah Wood. After

earning a reputation as one of Hollywood's most sensitive child actors, he has now hit the rocks of adolescence. The eyes are hidden behind sunglasses. He scarcely smiles. He seems at a loss: too old to pat a dolphin without embarrassment, too young and tidy to act the teenage rebel.

Flipper himself makes his comeback with all the benefits of modern technology. If the script demands exploits be-yond the skills of trained mammals, an animatronic stand-in is switched on to fight with a shark, beam with delight or otherwise act cute. Technically Flipper glides along nicely with accomplished undersea camerawork from Bill Butler, who photographed Jaws. But the poverty

of its imagination is depressing. With good new releases thin on the ground during the summer, this is the time that distributors bring out their revivals. In terms of quality, Jean Renoir's La Règle du jeu, 57 years old, outshines any film currently playing: indeed, this portrait of life and loves upstairs and downstairs at a French country house is

one of cinema's masterpieces. And the current crop of American independents begin to look puny placed next to Blood Simple, the Coen brothers' first feature, now 13 years old, a self-conscious child of the film noir thrillers of the 1940s mounted with cold-blooded verve.

But the most fascinating excursion into the past is the Barbican's month-long trawl through the vaults of HamDracula, Frankenstein, 20m-Girls — two films directed by Michael Carreras that no lovbies and stranglers of Bombay. The horrors depicted may er of bad movies should igseem tame next to the gore overflowing from modern nore. With the demise of many repertory cinemas in Britain. movies, but in the 1950s the there are scant chances now to see such material where it prim British Establishment threw up its hands at the belongs, on the big screen. But at the Barbican, this summer. pickled organs in Frankenstein's laboratory, or fangs the chance arrives. drawing blood from a damsel's neck in lurid Eastmai

Audiences thought differently. They were tired of enduring piffling Rank comedies or watching Jack Hawkins fight the Second World War in films coloured battleship grey. The Curse of Frankenstein and its many successors gave British cine ma just the kick in the pants it needed. It took longer for critics to come round, but by the 1970s thoughtful types were finding hidden treasure and belatedly placing laurels on the head of director Terence Fisher.

Colour.

Apart from the delight of seeing Fisher's Dracula and The Curse of Frankenstein again, the season usefully reminds us that Hammer was never just the house of horror. They filmed humble spin-offs from radio shows such as Life With the Lyons and The Adventures of P.C. 49. With the Quatermass movies they made some of the best British sci-fi of the 1950s. They made terse, location-based crime dramas such as Hell is a City (the city is Manchester, which duly complained). Raquel Welch stripped down to her fur bikini in One Million Years BC. And there were adorable follies such as The

the making RADIO: Peter Barnard finds a postponed play about murder in the family compelling listening

A motive in

sensitive to the relationship between real and fictional events. By way of proof, an outstanding play turned up on Radio 4 this week, four months late. The Monday Play slot consistently produces quality drama, and this month it has lengthened its title to take in Five in July, meaning a season of five contemporary works. This week's

play was Five Kinds of It should have gone out in March, but was withdrawn from the schedules because of the Dunblane massacre. There was no connection between the play and Dunblane, except that both involved murder, and the BBC was oversensitive to withdraw it. But I suppose the Corporation has enough critics without offering them further ammunition.

Shelagh Stevenson's play was superbly constructed. Often the use of narration, flashback, extracts from letters and the like leads to terrible confusion for the listener. No such traps here, thanks to the skill of the writing and Jeremy Mortimer's excellent direction.

The play marked a welcome radio appearance by Tom Courtenay as Billy, the father murdered by his two daughters. The dramatic tension was in the examination of motives, the slow unravelling through flashback of Billy's iron rule and his own tortured childhood.

strong sense that Billy's murder had released him as much as it released his family, for here was a portrait of a man who had become a prisoner of his own emotional history.

Radio 3 is, of course, mainly occupied with the BBC Proms at present. These used to be called the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, but the BBC's finely-honed promotional instincts have brought an

end to that, This week the Corporation has also been running a related series of 20-minute programmes called Lost in don, about concert halls which have disappeared from the capital.

Andrew Green's informative series provides a salutary lesson on what can happen when we become complacent about musical venues. I was especially struck by Tuesday's instalment concerning Vauxhall Gardens, a popular venue in the 18th century.

Finally, brief mention of something yet to come: a Radio 4 series called The Sunday Format starts tomorrow. It is a wickedly funny send-up of the lengths to which Sunday newspapers go to fill endless supplements. I particu-larly like "Measured Opinion, the page where we ask people of roughly the same height for their thoughts about a different

songs by Randy Newman, 'I'd even go and see it with my mates'

Every week young film fans discuss the latest releases ...

THE GIANT PEACH

Matt Jones, 22: This is superb family entertainment, produced with great flair and a panache. It's quite wonderful to look at, and the star names who do the voices complement Dahl's characters marvellously. I would recommend just about anybody to go and

visually sunning and more accessible than The Nightmare Before Christmas. 1 thought it was clever, witty and inventive and, except for one weak song early on, it's almost perfect family fare.

Ben Wright, 21: This was excellent, and I'd even go and see it with my mates. I was always a big fan of Roald Dahl and here at last is an adaptation that does his work

Rachel Jones, 19: This is Naomi Smith, 20: I loved this,



and I will definitely be going to see it again and again and again. In fact, I didn't particularly like the music, but that still wasn't enough to put me Matt: The sentiment is laid on

thicker than Barbara Cartland's foundation cream. Considering that it is so mindblowingly formulaic and daft, you ultimately feel somewhat ashamed for getting so emo-tionally caught up in all this

Rachel: This is typical Amerigoodies-versus-baddies stuff, but not the spectacular mess one would expect. It should go down well with kids, although it never looks

remotely likely to win any awards for quality.

Ben: Awful, awful, awful. This was just really cheesy and standard American pap. Maybe children will like this, but then they should be seeing a class act like James and the Giant Peach.

Naomí: Not as bad as l expected, but I would have liked to compare it to the TV series. As far as slushy animal films go this was better than



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■ CHOICE I

Rozhdestvensky opens a Bruckner celebration at the Proms VENUE: Tonight at

the Albert Hall



CHOICE 2 Veteran rhythm and blues from Alan Price at the

Quay Shopping Centre

Hull Festival **VENUE: Tonight at Princes**

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An evening of jazz with Humphrey

■ CHOICE 3

Lyttelton and his Band VENUE: Tonight at the

Royal Hall, Harrogate



VIDEOS

Claude Chabrol's best film in years, the Ruth Rendell adaptation La Ceremonie, is released on video

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96 Bruckher's arparative Second Symphony opens the Proms celebration of the composer's contenary Gennedy Rozhdesivensky conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in this and his own suite. Dead Sours drawn from him music by Alfred Schnide Bochdestvensky's wife the pianist Victoria Postnikova, joins the rchestra lor Strawnsky s Caphicolo for Franciano Oronestra Albert Hati Konsington Gore, SW7 (0171-589-8212) Tonight, 7-30pm

OFF THE HOOK. The actors and Company continue to be let "Off the look" to devise a senes of mnovative rido. To devise a series of inflorative platform events. This evening is programme metudes Samuel Beckett's that firme (fpm). See Base of Can (7 30pm) directed by Androw Maclean, and David McCreight's A Play About a Char (8 30pm). Unit Saturday. Young Vie Studio, 66 The Cut, SEI (0171-928 5385). Longite (5). 10171-928 63631 Tonight. 囚

THE RED BALLOON: Anthony Clark's shiftul and enchanting stage version of the classic 1950s French film. Aready seen in Manchester, Brisfol and Birmingham, if now comes floating into London. Rush Marchison creates a

National (Officiar), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Opens Ioday, 2 15pm. Then in rep with 4 Little Night Music, performances at 10 30am, 2 15pm.

THE ASPERN PAPERS: Michael Reograms's slightly old-lashioned version of the Henry James rate of literary skuldingers. With Hannah Condon: Daniel J. Travonti, Mora Lister Wyndhames, Charring Cross Road. WCZ (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fn, 8pm. Sal. 8 15pm, mals Wed, 3pm. Sat 5pm ■ BIRDY William Wharton's best-

eling novel where a schizophronic longs for treedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace, Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia. Lyric Studio King Street, Lyric Studio King Street, Hammersmith W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sal, Sprin mer Sal, 4 30pm Uniti August 17

N SY JEEVES Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Wobber, based on the Wodehouse heroes first aftempted 20 pears ago, now entirely revised Duke of York's SI Maran's Lane, WI 10171-836-5120) Mon-Sal. 7 45pm, mais Wed and Sal. 3pm, (§)

THE DEVIL IS AN ASS: Ben a) THE DEVIL IS AN ASS' Ben Jorson's adventures of a junior devil in a pleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell. An energetic but hollow production. Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7. (Spm. In rep.

NEW RELEASES

DENISE CALLS UP (15) Lightweight.

THE GODFATHER PART II (18)

Majestic sequel to Coppolar's Maia epic test released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Lumière (0171-836 0691)

◆ RAINBOW (PG) Perits of voyaging over the rainbow Oddball lantasy with

an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hostuns, With Jacob Tierney

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special effects, but repetition softens

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillan Maxey

ELSEWHERE BRIGHTON Travelling Opera begins a frace-day residency at the Theatre Royal with an inventive version of Rossins S The Burber of Seville by the company's aristic director Peter knapp A lest-moving and tunny production of Mozan's The Mamage of Figure !olious temorrow, with Cost fan nate on Saturday Sung in English Theatre Royal New Road (01273 328 488) Today Sat, all performances are at

7.30pm MARROGATE. The day begins with an invigorating sola rebital by the pianist Steven Osborne (Old Swan Hotel, 11am), with muse ranging from Beethown, through List to Messacon At 7 30pm in the Royal Hall, an evening of world-class jazz is promised in the company of the chairsmatic Humphrey Lyttetton and his Band Festival box office (01423 565 757)

HULL Jazz on the Waterfront, the lourth annual Hult International Jazz Festival, offers veloran rhythm and blues from **Alan Price** and his Electric

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmer of theatre showing in London l House full, returns only | Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

■ HEDDA GABLER A chance for London to see Alevandra Gilbreath s acclaimed performance in Stophen Unwin's production for English Touring Donmar Warehouse, Eartham Street WC2 (0171-369 17.32) Opens today.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Peter Haff's

Sat 3pm AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stepher oitars of specify
Garrick, Channy Closs Road, WC2
10171-494 50851 Mon-Fn, 7 45pm, Sat, 8 15pm, mars Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5pm. ■ THE MEMORY OF WATER Terry

Blues Company Teaturing Bobby Tench and Zoot Money (Princes Quay Shopping Centre, Spm). Appearing at the same time, over in the Dee Street Club (off Hessle Road), is the Amorican guitar legend Randy Johnston with Britam's own Adrian Ingram Festival box office (01482-226-655).

TAVISTOCK- The Exon Singers offer a secular programme of tolk songs part songs and songs from popular shows, accompanied by the Salisbury Brass Ensemble Andrew Carwood conducts The Wherf Tavistock, Devon (01822 611 165) Tonight, 7 30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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Daldry s powerful production, with David Ross as the alt-nowing inspector, and Edward Peal and Estelle Hohler as the Johnson directs play by new author Shelagh Stocherson, set among the squabbles that follow a mother is tuneral, though she soll appears in the play.

Cast includes Mary Jo Rundle and Haydn Grynne Hampsteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NV3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sall Byric mai Satl 4pm

□ NOATHANGER ABBEY Sarah Jane Holm plays lane Auston's young fan of the Gothic shock-horror romance Marthew Francis directs a pleasing adaptation Greenwich: Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mai Sat, 2 30pm: Umi: August 17 🔞 PASSION: An uncommoning musical from Sondherm, but Maria Fredman remarkably good as a conductor main further who gets her man With Michael Ball and Helen.

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CINEMA GUIDE

appealing lifestyle comedy from nev American chrector Hal Salwen, With Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) Alanna Ubach and Aida Turtuiro Cheisea (0171-351 3742) Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) Renoir (0171-837 8402) on release across the country

CURRENT

BEAUTIFUL THING (15) Gay see blooms in a London estate. Warmhearted him of Jonathan Harvey's play With Glen Berry and Scott Heal ABC Shattesbury Avenue (0171-83 6279) Odeon Mezzanine (2) (01426 e (0171-836 Ritzy (0171-737-2121)

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◆ THE JUROR (18) Few genuine thribs as Alec Baldwin's Maña henchman leans on Demi Moore s juror Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

◆ MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE (PG) Rousing set-onces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruse is special agent, in this engr. acte revital of the television series ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-626 61-29 Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3223) Empire (0990 888 990) MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Trocadero () (0171-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Marble Arch (01426 914501) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Phoenix (0181-883 2233) Plazza (0990 888 990: **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) Screen/Baker Street (0171-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (0171-370 2636) Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

◆ MOONLIGHT AND VALENTING tnends and a blond house painte inerus and a bond nouse panier Decent romaniic drama, with Elizabeth Porkris, Kathlean Turner, Joh Bon Jovi Warner (2) (0171–437 4343)

◆ THE ROCK (18): Belagerent action ▼ The House 1(a) beingelein action move set on Alcatras, with Nicolas Cage. Sean Connery and Ed Hams. Clapharm Pichare House (0171-98 323) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Chelsea (0171-352 5096) 20121 Gresses (0171-352 BMH)
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NEW ON VIDEO

JOHNNY MNEMONIC Fox Guild, 15, 1995

THE Yakuza, poor fellows, want the contents of Keanu Reeves's head. Reeves resists, though he could implode if he does not download the 320 Gbytes of data planted inside. Laughing at this futuristic folly is the viewer's best path to entertainment. Reeves shows no emotion; the script, inspired by cyberpunk author William Gibson, is dreadful: and the director, American conceptual artist Robert Longo, appears too in love with the visual design to give his actors guidance. Available

LA CEREMONIE Tartan, 15, 1995

VETERAN French director Claude Chabrol's best film in years: a darkly comic version of Ruth Rendell's A Judgement in Stone, updated and transferred to a windswept Brittany. Sandrine Bonnaire is the secretive housemaid whose position as the perfect help is undermined when she makes friends with the insolent village postmistress (Isabelle Huppert). Chabrol delights in the drama's class distinctions, though he is careful not to categorise any side as villain or victim; his even-handed approach makes the violent climax all the more shocking. With Jacqueline Bisset and Jean-Pierre

KASPAR HAUSER

Arrow, 18, 1993 WERNER HERZOG told Kaspar's bizarre story in his 1974 classic The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser. Peter Sehr's film plods by comparison, though the historical detail is fascinating, and we soon get pulled into the power games played by princes and dukes over this rumoured heir to the Baden throne, used as a pawn in 19thcentury German politics. Andre a woman encountered at the Picasso

Eisermann gives an effective performance as the youth found catatonic in a Nuremberg square. **■ RENDEZVOUS IN PARIS**

Artificial Eye, 15, 1995 THREE tales of love and chance from France's veteran chronicler of young love, Eric Rohmer, with natural performances from a cast of unknowns. The last segment, a hesitation waltz between a painter, a Swedish visitor and

museum, is especially delicious. There are greater Rohmer films, but few other directors working now show such sensitivity to people and places. and such pleasant obliviousness to fashion.

Brain drain: Keanu Reeves downloads his brain in Robert Longo's futuristic cyberfolly. Johnny Mnemonic

■ WAITING TO EXHALE Fox Guild. 15. 1995 POPULIST comedy-drama about black women whose lives are devoted to talking about sex. having it and

visiting the beauty parlour. The film.

the hair dryer but its development is so hald and the colours so glossy that magazine fiction is the result. Actor Forest Whitaker directed, though the names that matter are Angela Bassett (giving the only meaty performancer) and Whitney Houston. Available to

based on Terry McMillan's novel, no

doubt began with higher ambitions

than magazine fiction to be read under

GEOFF BROWN

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NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Poulenc on parade; maturing Canadian tenor; echoes in the chamber debut with the ENO in Ballo

in 1989, although on that

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■ POULENC Concerto for Two Pianos; Aubade: Sinfonietta Pommier/Queffélec/City of London Sinfonia/Hickox Virgin 5 45028 2★★ THE tendency of Poulenc's

music to advance in two-bar phrases created difficulties for the composer in developing large-scale, organic strucnever entirely solved, but in the delightful Aubade of 1929 for piano and 18 instruments he managed to obviate it by providing a programme that could be acted out by dancers. The programme, concerning the goddess Diana and her raging, forbidden love, allows Poulenc to put some of his most winning melodies and bittersweet harmonies to effective use, while disconti-

livers the solo part with an aptly glassy brilliance, as he does the slightly later Concerto for Two Pianos, where he is partnered by an equally fleet Anne Queffélec. The final work on this

attractive disc is the Sinfonietta, a brazen rip-off of the composer's own Organ Concerto from a few years before. But never mind: in its cheeky good humour and undertow of melancholy it can scarcely fail to give pleasure, especially in a performance as sympathetic City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox.

OPERA ...

John Higgins

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Bradshaw CBC Records SMCD 5158** ON THIS evidence, the Canadian tenor, Richard Margison, has made great vocal advances since his London

occasion he was not helped by the production. There is now an old-fashioned Italian ring to the sound in the style of del Monaco, with the notes punched out fiercely from the It is the voice for a Manrico or the Pollione of Bellini's

Norma. The choicest items on this disc from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are those which allow the tenor to show off his strength and dano provided the wherewithal in Andrea Chenier and Cilea more sporadically in Adriana Lecouvreur. With these composers Margison is

on home territory. When lyricism is required. he becomes less happy. Faust's Dai campi from Boim's Mefistofele needs more silk and so does Massenet's Werther, although both are roles he has sung on stage. The singing becomes less relentless and possibly this is why CBC have broken up a recital with a handful of

an Opera Players under Richard Bradshaw show up better in these than as accompanists. CBC, too, deserve to lose another star for a shoddy booklet in which half the pages are blank.

orchestral pieces. The Canadi-

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vivre to the Scherzo, too, though the Mosaiques are ly revealing.

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poser in the DSO4 Rosamunde

Quartet, it is the Mosaïques, not surprisingly, who take us straight into a Winterreise of dragging feet and aching heart in its first movement Their Rosamunde variations are austerely me where the Artis keep the mood light and elegiac, with string barely touching bow. By omitting repeats, the Artis also make room for the C minor Quartettsatz.

Each recording has its own beauty. For me, the Quatuor Mosaiques have the cutting edge, but that is entirely a matter of personal taste, and both versions are strongly recommended.

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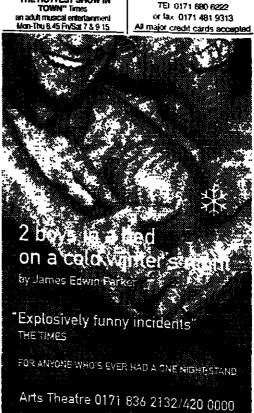
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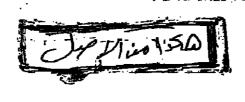
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■ THEATRE 1

Leo McKern gives a fine performance as a tipsy snapper in Chichester's revival of When We Are Married



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Alan Ford's satire of a pîrofessional ham, Thin Ice, leaves a sour taste in the mouth



■ PROM

Mark Wigglesworth brings the BBC National Orchestra of Wales to the Proms

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by half NOT the best of gigs, not the worst of gigs — but somewhere in between.

That just about sums up Maria McKee's performance in front of a rather sedate crowd in the Olympia. Though the bulk of the set consisted of high-octane, riff-heavy rock, it was only when she dispensed with her electric guitar and rhythm section and opted for the piano, as she did on her cover of Queen's I'm In Love With My Car and her own heart-gripping ballad Breathe, that she really connected with

Maria McKee Olympia, Dublin

the audience. Mostly though, the ex-Lone Justice frontwoman and her three-piece backing band gave a somewhat lackiustre airing of her most recent album, Life Is Sweet. For whatever reason, she seemed slightly out of sorts, complaining about microphone feedback and plectrums.

Songs like This Perfect Dress, which she opened with, and Absolutely Barking Stars showcased her not inconsiderable talent as a musician, and her voice is as powerful as it is distinctive. As a songwriter, though, McKee is less convincing. When her more populist instincts get the better of her, she has already proved her ability to pen radio friendly, multi million selling blockbusters (none of which she played here). However, her new material steers resolutely left-of-centre but is decidedly overwrought and at times too

clever for its own good. One notable exception is the song Life Is Sweet, a simple and unaffected gem that oozes human sympathy and compassion from its every pore, and which provided a stirring finale to an otherwise somewhat unre-markable show.

NICK KELLY





Music director

Marcus Binney finds power and glory - and even humour - on show at Westminster Abbey

History tour by time machine



At 9.30 on a Friday morning, I and every other visitor to Westminster Abbey received a royal welcome. The main west doors were wide open, the inner glass doors folded back and fresh air and light flooded into the nave.
There are no ticket barriers

inside the entrance, only an invitation to contribute £1. You can in fact explore the nave without paying at all, but I chose the sound guide, a tape with headphones, which for £6 included admission to the Royal Chapels, and the Confessor's Shrine. It was worth every penny.

This was no dry-as-dust lecture on pointed arches, but a stirring walk through British history, with snatches of good music and resonant prose, and, of course, the gory details which tourists down the ages have always relished.

The tour begins at the grave of the Unknown Warrior, a project which caught the imagination of a war-torn world. The body of the unknown soldier was buried here in 1920 in soil brought from France in the presence of the King and four Queens. (Queen Mary, Queen Alexan-dra, and the Queens of Spain and Norway) with a guard of honour of a hundred VCs.

Next came the first of many touches of humour: the story of the 17th-century dean who teased Ben Jonson about a place in Poets' Corner. "Two feet by two feet is enough for ied the impoverished dramatist. "You shall have it." replied the dean - and Jonson

was buried standing up.
The vergers at the abbey are well versed in dealing with us 20mbies. "You can slip past this group on the left." one whispered helpfully in my ear. A moment later, a solemn voice boomed out, announcing that every hour on the hour a priest would ascend the pulpit and invite us all to join in a brief prayer. Looking at the surging crowds. I wondered how I would find my way back to the nave in time. I need not

have worried. Every group in the abbey is getting a history lesson of their



On the abbey road: visitors queue up to visit one of the capital's most rewarding attractions, a fascinating journey through the nation's past

own. I listened in on a party from New England, led by a dapper grey-suited guide. This was strong republican stuff. John and Sam Adams came from a family in Somerset that supported Cromwell again the King, Monmouth against the King. They fought the King in 1776 and supported Lincoln in 1861." He continued: "Oliver Cromwell bought a one-way ticket to Massachusetts but the King refused him permission to sail. That has to be the dumbest move in British history. He might have spent the rest of his life quietly

farming." Turning on the sound guide, the emotion and excitement of the Queen's Coronation came alive with the words of Archbishop Fisher. I was told how the transepts were filled with tier on tier of seats for spectators who had to spend many hours in the abbey. What they discreetly omitted to mention were the large number of gin bottles found afterwards under the seats, left by members of the House of Lords.

armi thai whi VII had demanded a funeral free of "damnable pomp and outrageous magnificence", Cromwell had had it all, crown on head, sceptre and globe in hand, his body carried on an open coach adorned with plumes and banners. Two years later his body had been dug up by outraged Royalists, dragged to Tyburn, decapitated, and his head

displayed on a spike. Arriving at the Coronation Chair, I was not the only one wanting to see if the Stone of Scone was still in place beneath the seat. Quite what are the "elaborate precautions for its safety" made following its theft in 1950 is a mystery. Does the floor open up to swallow intruders?

On the Confessor's tomb, my eyes were directed to the recesses for the sick to kneel sk for the s sion. I learnt of the golden cross and chain, discovered by Charles Taylour, "one of the singing men", after James II's Coronation. Espying a hole in the tomb, he put his hand in, pulled out the chain and then saw the saint's head "sound and firm, the upper and the lower jaws full of teeth". James II had the old coffin enclosed in the new one clamped with iron and it has remained undisturbed to this day.

In Poets' Corner I heard why Byron's monument was so late in coming ("his damnable aristocratic flippancy"); heard Alan Bennett read from Alice in Wonderland, with a solo from Handel's Messiah providing the finale. I could have listened to it all again.

For a further charge of \$2.50 gained admission to the chapter house, the Pyx chamber and the museum. seemed a little steep, until the two ladies in the Pyx chamber explained with great gusto how the six locks, introduced after a burglary of 1303, operated, even producing a key.

In the museum, I found the second Coronation Chair made for the joint crowning of William III and Mary II, every bit as covered in graffiti as the origina).

One remarkable exhibit was the wax effigy of the Duke of Buckingham, who died in Rome at the age of 19. Wax casts were taken of his face and hands before his body

was shipped to Britain. The

effigy is displayed in the

ing like an Amazon warming up for battle, or advancing on her husband like a blend of

original glass case ordered by his mother. To get the most out of the

abbey and its numerous monuments and memorials, you need a second tour, official lead you to such curiosities as the tomb of Marshal Wade, famous for the Highland Roads he built after the '45 rebellion. If you'd seen these roads before they were made/You would hold up your hands and bless Marshal

Wade" runs the epitaph.
I left the abbey feeling I had had more than the Benedictine welcome promised by the dean. Rather an enthralling morning that every great building can and should provide for all fts visitors.

> Tomorrow: A Summer Snapshot of Blackpool

Packed chamber

IN THE first of two consecu tive concerts this week, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales was conducted by Mark Wigglesworth, in his first Prom appearance since becoming their music director. His programme offered one of his favoured calling-cards in Schoenberg's first Chamber of the full-orchestra versions the composer made in 1935.

By enriching the work not just with extra instruments but with added harmonies and melodic lines, he inevitably risked making its density of texture sound congested, but it was to the conductor's credit that he exercised a masterful control in giving the

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work's outlines a welcome clarity of musical purpose. His players responded with a wealth of contrasting timbre that made the taut design spacious as well as eloquent. It was preceded by a suite from Wagner's Die Meistersinger that began with chunks from Act III, including a lilting Dance of the Apprentices and a resplendent Entry of the Masters, then disconcertingly reverted to the Prelude from Act I as a somewhat incongruous but stately and jubilant finale. It enabled the orchestra to display its warmth of string tone, keenly edged woodwind and opulent

They were joined in the second part by Stephen Hough as a buoyant soloist in Brahms's big-scale B-flat mamano Concerto (Brisk tempos brought the performing time to under 45 minutes, a welcome reversion to an earlier tradition in place of the monumental approach latterly favoured. It displayed, in particular, the pianist's sturdy yet poetic figuration.

Only the romantic cello solo in the Andante movement seemed unduly reticent. Otherwise the orchestral content was effectively measured to the soloist's bria, not excluding a poignant sense of reverie when desired and leading to a light-hearted but still seriousminded final rondo.

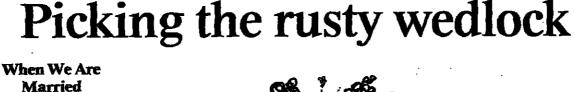
NOEL GOODWIN

THEATRE: Playful Priestley takes on the arrogance of respectability; plus a sour evening with a cracked actor

ude Kelly's revival of J. B. Priestley's Yorkshire farce has its ups and downs. but its first night opened with a nice, pointed trick. There was a long pompous rumble from some offstage drums, and several members of the audience leapt obediently to their feet. They wore the same glazed, brainwashed look I recall on the face of the all-American guy in The Manchurian Candidate who had only to see a particular playing card to become a deadly assassin. They were primed to stand to attention for God Save the Queen — and instead they found themselves looking rather fatuous as brass joined percussion in a forthright rendering of On Ilkley Moor Bahi 'AL

What better introduction could there be to a play that may be seen as a comic version of Priestley's An Inspector Calls? It, too, attacks respectability, arrogance and complacency, but in mischie-vous and sometimes hilarious style. It gets the likes of Dawn French's Clara Soppitt to heave herself self-importantly upright, so to speak, and then makes her look as silly as a royalist quivering to a jolfy song about Yorkshire mating

Clara is the most formidable some minor moral indiscreof the three wives and three husbands who have come tion has embarrassing evi-



together to celebrate their silver wedding anniversaries. Her husband, Paul Copley's Herbert, cowers when she eyeballs him and, hands on massive hips, emits her trademark snarls and roars. But the other marriages have their imperfections, too. Roger Lloyd Pack's fungoid-faced Councillor Parker bullies and bores his wife, Annette Bad-

land's Annie, and Gary Wald-

horn's smooth, self-satisfied Alderman Helliwell is pretty

Chichester

offhand to his better half, Alison Steadman's Maria At first you think that conventional married angst will prevail until these people's golden jubilees and beyond. Everything seems awesomely permanent and solid, from the Helliwells' plush gold-andmarcon drawing room to dresses that make the ladies look like brocaded sofas. But the young choirmaster the three men are ticking off for



Unwedded bliss in Yorkshire: McKern, Chadwick, Lloyd Pack, French and Bryan

dence in his pocket: a letter from the cleric who presided over their joint weddings admitting he was not yet qualified for the job. These pillars of

ity appear to have been living in sin for 25 years. Desperate attempts to cover up the painful facts duly fail. Home truths emerge, emo-

Worms turn, most entertainingly in the case of the Soppitts. That is because French is magnificently menacing, whether she is prowling

Texas gunslinger and sumo wrestler. However, the scene in which Parker smughy informs his wife he will remarry her, and she counters by wondering if she wants to go on living with so dreary a skinflint, can be more wittily played and funnier than it is here. elly's production tends to opt for the broad

sly, telling detail, which is a pity. But she recognises that Priestley often wrote excellent supporting roles. Dora Bryan twitters in wonderfully batty glee from below a preposterous grey-frizz wig as the char who rumbles her employers' scandalous secret, and Leo McKern is more memorable still as Ormonroyd, the tipsy cameraman come to record his social betters' celebrations. He trundles his portly, rumpled frame about the stage in slow motion, and his voice becomes a grandiose blur, with vowels rising to the surface like bubbles in a fermenting must. You won't see the solemnity of the very drunk better played

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geezer, does have farcical high points. The scenario might make a siteom. But this bit of rough's fourletter expletives and his risible but also unpleasantly graphic sexploits would hardly make family viewing. Charlie's covert bigotry, even if a send-up, does not seem very amusing. Ford's friends and fans were hooting with laughter, clearly recognising the horrors of the butt end of showbiz. Personally, it left me feeling bleak. Ford's comedy leaves a

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CHARLIE HARWOOD is having a typically lousy day. Jobbing actor-turned-writer Alan Ford is reading. with lots of comph though little polish, from his comic but crude first novel (unpublished). Ford relates a string of lamentable adventures that befall his seedily ageing antihero, a B-rate thesp who scrapes a living playing East End bit parts on telly.
Charlic opens a bleary eye in some
bird's squalid flat in the nether
regions of Tufnell Park. With a

straking hangover and hazy memo-

ries of a seven-inch spliff and a leg-over with a North London luvvie,

A bad day's night in luvviedom Charlie struggles into his under-pants and stumbles to the bathroom. Massaging his sagging ego, he pats his solar pleans and promptly chucks up in the basin.

It is mostly downhill from here. The traffic is at a crawl round smelly King's Cross. One cab driver waves gratifyingly before Charlie's red Cortina is unceremoniously written off on Essex Road. Bolstered by vague recognition from the plebs at

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the bus stop, Charlie is unfortunately soon spotted by a raving mad old flame. She pursues him, screaming blue murder, on to a jam-packed

face. His chance of glory, however, comes to a sticky end as a fellow actor loses his rag and wreaks havoc. Ford obviously knows Charlie's grungy terrain like the back of his hand. His satire of a professional Charlie is next found playing it ham, clearly going to the dogs while cool an old hand, in a mass audition still fancying himself as a flash

for a commercial. He is, surely, on

the verge of making a packet if he can just look straight into the camera

and crush an ice-cream cone into his

sour taste in the mouth.

Transcending time: Michael Ignatieff admires the vision of a master storyteller, whose work is the product of a vanished world

ladimir Nabokov's writing transforms the most ordinary thing. Take the telegraph poles he remembered seeing from the corridor window of the Nord Express, between St. Petersburg and Paris in August 1909. In First Love, a story which was to figure in his memoir Speak Memory, "six thin black telegraph wires were doing their best to ascend skyward, despite the lightning blows dealt them by one telegraph pole after another". Since Speak Memory, it's impossible for me to look at wires from a train without remarking on the "pathetic elation" with which they reach up, only to be flattened by the "particularly vicious blow." of an on-coming pole.

Nabokov's metaphors were not always as sharp as this. This collection, edited and translated by his son, brings together all 65 of his stories, from the callow but precocious Wood Sprite, published in 1921 in a Berlin émigré magazine, while Nabokov was still an undergraduate at Trinity. Cam-

The Russian fire that never pales

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bridge, to the icy Lance published in The New Yorker when Nabokov's self transformation into the imperious magician of Lolita was complete. It is reassuring to discover that the magic did not come

The early stories do reveal a gift for melancholy: "I was pensively penning the outline of the inkstand's circular, quivering shadow," is how the first of his stories preciously begins. But the gift might well have been wasted in an imagination less determined than his own. Take those telegraph



Connoisseur of the male psyche: Sue Lyon in the cinema adaptation of Nabokov's Lolita (1962)

poles once again. In A Matter of Chance, the poles merely "flew past" the train window. This is limp stuff compared to the wonderful image of the poles smiting

the wires back down like some bad-tempered disciplinarian. Throughout the collection, a reader can watch the images becoming more exact, the sentiment becom-

ing more disciplined and the humour becoming spiced with devilry.

Nabokov's comic gifts grow as he masters the lush sentiment of

tears are more effective when cut with laughter. In The Vane Sisters. a late story, the narrator describes Cynthia Vane with all the coldness of a butterfly collector, dwelling on the "higgledy piggledy" striation of black hairs that showed all along her pale shins through the nylon of her stockings, with the scientific distinctness of a preparation

under glass. Nabokov is a connoisseur of male sexual disgust, but he's also superb at the longing which disgusted strives to conceal. In The Vane Sisters the joke is ultimately on the fastidious narrator, who having regaled the reader with his superiority towards the vulgar Miss Vane turns out, when she commits suicide, to be stricken by

Like his narrators. Nabokov is sometimes too pleased with him-

self and seems unaware of the comic aspects of his own self satisfaction. It is ridiculous of him to have written in the preface to his story Terror that it precedes Sartre's Nausée, with which it shares certain shades of thought, and none of that novel's fatal defects, by at least a dozen years.

T abokov can be infuriating: reading him is like playing tennis with an opponent who beats you with a lob and comes to the net to tell you he could have beaten you with a smash. But his gamesmanship with the reader and his joyful manipulation of the reader's suspension of disbelief make him a master whose work transcends his time. For the collection reminds us how much his work was the product of a vanished world: the cold-water flats, the German landladies, the dirty third-class cultures, the flea-bitten station hotels of the Russian emigration. He took this mean world, captured it in words, and in doing so escaped it forever.

While their hearts were yearning

John Grigg examines the national spirit that kept our home fires burning

study of British society during the Great War. the American-born Gerard J. DeGroot (who has lived here for 15 years and is a history lecturer at St Andrews) defines Blighty as a place, an idea, and a set of warm, cosy emotions. He does not give the term's origin, which can be traced back to the army in India, long before the First World War.

According to the indispensable *Brewer's* Dictionary of Phrase and Fable. it is "the Urdu Vilayati or Bilati, an adjective meaning provincial, removed at some distance; hence adopted by the military for

England. Though some today appear to feel that the country is, or should be, as remote from Continental Europe as from India, the events of our century have shown how closely linked our destiny is with the mainland, and how dangerous it is for us to attempt to

DeGroot's book is intended as "a reassessment of the war", but it is never at all clear how he is reassessing it, or if he has anything new to contribute in the way of interpretation, as distinct from factual

Does he regard our participation in the war as just and right, or as a materialistic

There are also specific contradictions in the text, which add to the gener-

one point we are told that it is "erroneous to assume" anti-German feeling was stirred by prewar books about threatened

leader, both before and after he became Prime Minister.)

crusade? Does he admire the British war effort with its blend of voluntarism and reluctant compulsion, or is he arguing that this made us so inefficient we were lucky to survive? On the whole he seems to take a favourable view, though with so many reservations the effect is necessarily confusing. al lack of focus. For instance, at

BLIGHTY: British Society in the Era of the Great War By Gerard J. DeGroot Longman, E44 ISBN 0-582-06138-5

> invasion. such as The Riddle of the Sands: at another that "a rabid public was fired by lurid invasion stories". Lloyd George is said to have brought "a more dynamic approach to the war", but then, soon afterwards, to have been "not the radical dynamo which many have made him". (It is true that the change from Asquith to Lloyd George was. in many respects, an evolution rather than a clean break. But with all his faults Lloyd

As a reassessment DeGroot's book is not, therefore, an outstanding success. Yet it has many merits and is well worth reading. The au-

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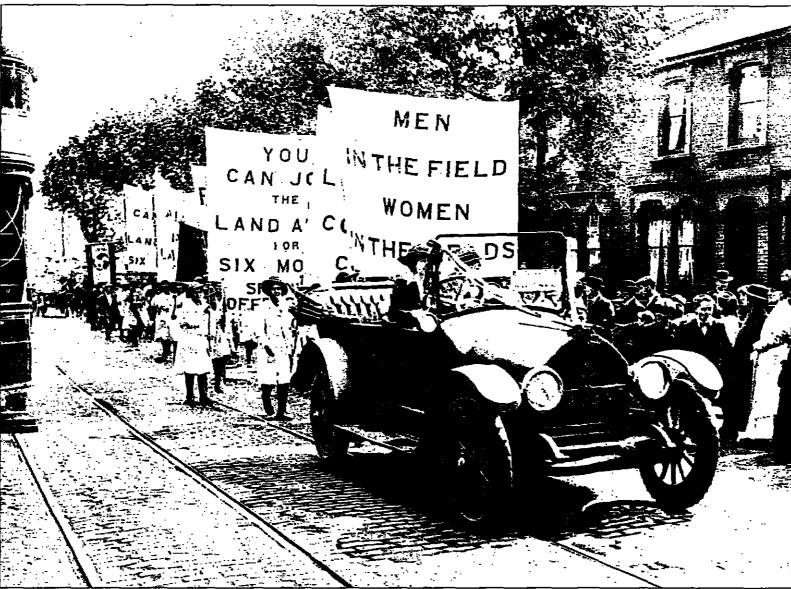
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Fields of duty: a Woman's Land Army recruitment march (1918) and, below, an advertisment from The Times promoting the recycling of tea leaves (1914)

thor has drawn on a wide variety of sources and produces a lot of fascinating information. Whatever his opinion of the voluntary spirit that prevailed in the early part of the war, he illustrates it

most tellingly. One astonishing fact is that during the first ten months the Treasury received unsolicited gifts from the public amount-ing to £25 million (£1.25 billion in today's money), while at the same time "income tax doubled and other taxes are into

British working

class would have

been better off if

the latter had fol-

lowed the Rus-

hierarchy was, indeed, far stron-

ger in 1914 than

in 1939 - to say

nothing of the

post-Sixties Brit-

ain that DeGroot

The sense of

sian example?

disposable income". DeGroot rightly stresses the patriotism of the working class, regarding it, however, as a form of "stasis", reflecting passive acceptance of the social order. While he concedes that this helped Britain to win the war, he feels that the antirevolutionary instincts of Brit-

HOW TO BE USEFUL IN accelerate Britain's decline. But WAR TIME. can he really believe that either the country or the

FIELDS OF PATRIOTIC ACTIVITY.

MORE SUGGESTIONS FROM READERS.

Mr. J. G. Houghton, Scoutmaster, Studland, Woodford Green, asks "the people of England (the better class) to save all tea leaves from all first brews, dry same, and send to some organized centre for distribution to the pour and troops in the fighting line.

Miss Edith M. Pye, organizing and general secretary and Universal Secretary ess. 39, Great

knows - and the comfortable mained comfortable. (In Auclasses sacrificed less, on the gust 1914 this newspaper advised its affluent readers "to the people did despite their save tea-leaves from the first brew, dry them and send them

for distribution to pared with 4 per cent from taxes on workers' incomes. Almost in passing the author troops".) Neverfront the balance of sacrifice was quite the other way: the percentage killed among the class-based officer corps was substantially higher than among other

ranks. In industry, the trade unions showed more selfdenial than

employers, whose excess profits were for a time a scandal. But when the taxation of these was eventually made effective, it brought in 25 per

makes one comment which deserves supreme emphasis: "there was a great deal of chaos, many avoidable emergencies and some injustice caused by a reluctance to intervene. But no master plan nor great body of experience existed to guide politicians. who were pioneers in the realm of state intervention. If the British record in the Second World War seems more impressive, it is because later generations drew upon the experiences of 1914-1918."

That is the nub of the matter. As a new experience the Great War was a more remarkable achievement by the British people, and incidentally it was won in a

Sea salt and silence

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

> THE SHAPE OF **CLOUDS** By Peter Benson Sceptre. £16.99 ISBN 0-340-67203-X

A RESERVED man. who lives in a reclusive outpost of Britain's coastline, Peter Benson is at his best when describing the bare elemental world of sea and sky. In this, his seventh novel, he explores the rugged Cornish shores.

Port Juliet, "a never was a port", is a place which has been "shot, gutted and hung out to dry at the edge of England". The sea spills ceaselessly upon the shore, the trees keel eastwards, the wind cuts like shears and the air is tainted with salt. Sorrow and insanity haunt the land. Myths and rumours breed there, feeding and swelling on gossip and

It is to this place that Michael, an aged mariner, comes, his life cast up like driftwood. But he has waited all his life for somewhere like this, he says, "for a house and a place at the edge of the country, and for love". He fills out his days dreaming of adventures gone by, of lost ships and vanished quays. and passions abandoned in distant ports. Benson wanders through the years of an isolated life like a beachcomber along lonely shores, perusing the flotsam of the past, shaping it into patterns and forms with his slow sculptural prose.

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BUT, as in earlier novels, he hands most of his narrative to a muted speaker - to Michael, the sea captain, whose voice has been muffled by solitude. Ruminative conversations dissolve, unfinished, into the swell of unspoken thought. Shards of recovered memories glitter brightly, only to be released again, to sink slowly back into the depths of the mind.

Then into Michael's world strides Elizabeth Green, an American movie star who once made one great film, but whose career subsequently drifted into desuetude. Throughout Michael's voyaging life, she has been the idol of his fantasies and dreams. It is the development of their unlikely relationship in old age that Benson explores.

The Shape of Clouds seems in many ways an old fashioned romance, but it is deceptive in its simplicity. Benson balances artfully between cyn-icism and sentimentality. In a place where "the sky is deeper than silence and deeper than love", his characters are poised between an almost Coleridgean awareness of "something ever more about to be" and a creeping regret for their shipwrecked pasts.

Benson explores the sense of loss which seeps out of the interstices between dream and memory. Is regret a disease? he asks. "Does distance give it strength? Can it become a pleasure? Can regret become stronger than love and over-take its reason?" As Benson answers these questions, his novel gradually shapes itself into an exquisitely crafted image of the way in which life blends the ideal and the real.



In a wilderness and a solitary place

oday, in the words of Philip Larkin, we tend to believe that "all solitude is selfish". Our personal development seems entirely dependent upon our ability to form relationships and to live productively in community. The solitary, silent quest of the hermit is widely regarded as not merely an aberration but reprehensible: how can a needy world benefit from those who turn their backs upon it? Did not even the Buddha say that after enlightenment a man must come down from the mountain-top, return to the market place and practise compassion to all living beings?

Yet, as Peter France shows in this accessible book, the desire for solitude has surfaced in all cultures. There have always been those who have experienced social institutions as constricting and withdrawn from the cities and towns to become more fully themselves. But this does not mean that they became insulated from their fellow human beings. Frequently they drew others towards them like a magnet. Not only was their isolation profoundly attractive but it also gave hermits great insight into mundane affairs.

Thus hermits have traditionally given sound advice on marital and sexual problems, despite their vow of celibacy. They have counselled busi-nessmen and politicians and their wisdom has impressed militantly atheistic philosophers. The hermits' dis-

Karen Armstrong

HERMITS The Insights of Solitude By Peter France Charto & Windus, £16.99 ISBN 070116296

tance from society often gave them a clearer view of its foibles. The selfknowledge they acquired in solitude yielded an uncanny insight into the workings of the human heart.

Trance has not attempted an dexhaustive study of the eremetical life. He has concentrated on Christian hermits, starting with the Desert Fathers but also examining the great Russian Orthodox contemplatives of the 18th and 19th centuries, the American solitary Henry David Thoreau, and, in our own century, the Trappist monk Thomas Merton. France points out that Western monasticism stressed the virtues of community and tended to be suspicious of solitude. Merton, for example. had a long battle with his superiors. who adamantly opposed his desire to withdraw to a hermitage.

Merton is a good example of the conflict between the desire for solitude and the intense need for human

hermit. He had friends all over the world who wrote to him regularly and travelled thousands of miles to visit him. Locked away in his monastery. Merton exercised enormous influence in the world. His writings gave people a greater appreciation of the solitary life and changed the way that many Catholics saw other faiths.

An obvious admirer of solitude and reticence, France lets his hermits speak for themselves. He begins with an illuminating discussion of the emergence of the idea of the individual in ancient Greece, showing that the desire for solitude and self-sufficiency was an essential concomitant of the developing social ideal. His remarks on the Desert Fathers, which emphasise their sound sense and compassion, will correct the common view of these hermits as repressed fanatics. But then France seems to retire, hermit-like, from his text and the book becomes more of an anthology of the hermits' maxims.

This abundance of quotation tends to be indigestible and the reader would welcome more guidance and interpretation - all the more so since France has raised an important issue. By fleeing solitude and silence and continuing to see all virtue as social, we are in danger of ignoring a state of life which, in those who have the eremetical vocation, has long been a source of creativity, wisdom and insight to society as a whole.



The 19th-century Dinton Hermit

On fishing and fidelity

Rodney Milnes on a

marriage

bound together by music

marriages are incompre-hensible to outsiders; even insiders, close friends of both, found it hard to fathorn the marriage of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya — or rather marriages, since they divorced in 1933 at the time of Weill's first period of exile in Paris, and quietly remarried in New York. Even the constituents are unlikely: Weill, son of a North German cantor whose cosy Jewish family must have found it hard to accept the Roman Catholic, Viennese small-time actress with a lurid past even before their first marriage in 1926.

Sea sal

Lenya's interest in the pleasures of the flesh was always well developed, and she was serially and openly unfaithful. So was Weill, but more discreetly - a pattern reflected by the book's editors - though his attachment to a (still) anonymous woman in Hollywood seems to have occasioned the greatest danger to their marriage; the crisis surrounding Lenya's threat to move out of their home near New York may have contributed to the composer's shockingly early death from heart trouble in 1950. He was only as old as the century.

The fact that Lenya was married and widowed three more times, each time to a homosexual with a drink problem, and devoted the rest of her life to the tireless promotion of Weill's works suggests that what bound them together as much as anything else was music.

But this impeccably edited, generously illustrated volume is about Weill's and Lenya's lives rather than the music: they were together during the collaboration with Brecht and the creation of the major Broadway shows. Weill's early letters confirm that music came before marriage; no wonder the sparky Lenya became restless. But the copious post-divorce letters are dehad run off with the tenor. conman and compulsive gambler Otto von Pasetti; Weill, struggling to earn a living in the first years of exile in Paris and London, profoundly de-



Pleasures of the flesh led to a marriage out of key: Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya at the piano in Brook House (1942)

SPEAK LOW (WHEN YOU SPEAK LOVE): The Letters of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya **Edited by Lys Symonette** and Kim Kowalke Hamish Hamilton; E30 ISBN 0 241 132649

pressed, subject to nervous psoriasis, plays her like an expert angler a particularly juicy salmon, pretending to believe in Pasetti's "systems," ranging for Pasetti to join her in the cast of The Seven Deadly Sins. It worked. Pasetti vanished - you can sense the relief when Weill can finally refer to him as "a

swindler" -- and Weill arranged for Lenya to join him in Max Reinhardt's epic pageant The Eternal Road on Broadway, passport for both of them to America. His friends may have been mystified, but he knew better. The American letters comes

in three substantial chunks, twice when Weill was working in Hollywood, once when Lenya was on a nationwide tour in a play by Maxwell Anderson. The tone is delightfully relaxed and warm, splattered with cheerful obscenities the editors), full of gossip about Fritz Lang, the Lunis, Helen Hayes, Sam and Bella Spewack and other movie and musical luminaries. Weill's accounts of trying to force Ira Gershwin to get down to work absolutely sure of himself. on "my first Broadway opera," Firebrand of Florence (it flopped), are wryly amusing. There's an epic moment when Weill lets drop that he is considering making Brecht a monthly allowance, which elicits first a telegram and then a long letter from Lenya telling him why he should do no such

thing. She knew her Brecht. The picture that emerges, with Lenya on the road scouring antique shops for bricabrac to decorate their house, is of unclouded domestic bliss throughout a fair amount of reading between the lines is necessary. Lenya is of course an outsize character painted in primary colours. Weill remains élusive, at once shy and

charitable and sharp, worldlywise yet oddly child-like, essentially serious but with a perky sense of humour. His determination to become exclusively American is reflected in his impatience with the Hollywood exiles - the Klemperer, Manns. Schoenberg - and the fact that all his friends were American. And what emerges

far too young.

strongly is that he regarded a professor to try to clamber his Hollywood and some of his out of the mud. Broadway work as merely marking time: once the war serious composition in directions suggested by Street Scene (1947) and Lost in the Stars (1949). So in 1950 he had only just started. He died far,

Felipe Fernandez-Armesto on Europe's past

Gems among the rocks of orthodoxy

recently attempted to climb Everest with a coffee percolator. There ought to be a silly section in the records for historians who try to climb Parnassus with a textbook. Because textbooks are written for captive student-readerships they tend to get written

Because they have to satisly deadly course require-ments they are usually conventional and dull fossils in rocks of orthodoxy. Because of the assumption that their readers are brutes. they waste time telling you that Immanuel Kant was a German philosopher and Vichy is in France. Luring scholars out of specialist burrows, they trap mistakes and ensnare wild judgments. They sacrifice the beauty and power of prose to "clarity," which is transparent, and "accessibility," which is unreadable. John Merriman's contri-

bution has all the vices of the genre but it has heroic virtues too. This is a book of briefcase-busting, depthcharge weight. It has over 1,500 pages - enough paper for the most fastidious castaway, enough ballistic power for the feeblest student lout. The author has genuinely tried to make it better and brighter than its predecessors. He shares valuable scraps of evidence. He includes fragments of the lives other textbooks leave out: musicians, scientists, women, children, prostitutes and pornographers. There are some sustained passages of deftly handled material. especially in the pages on the late 19th and very early 20th centuries. The uniform pace wearies the reader, but the writer, at least, never flags. For sheer ambition. Merriman deserves success: most academic specialists nowadays are busy digging ever narrower furrows in ever more desiccated soils: it takes courage and vision for

Despite these important nerits. I fear no one except reviewers will read this book. Life is too short. The first unfamiliar idea I found was on page 917, the first joke on page 1,307. I admired

A HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE By John Merriman Norton, E18.95 ISBN 0-393-96885-5

Merriman's formidable efficiency in marshalling unmanageable data, but even he was defeated by the scale of his own efforts. Feeble generalisations and platitudes abound: "The balance between life and death was precarious... More people learned how to read." Europe is.

Most of the book is devoted to relatively long pas-sages about obvious countries and even some of them are ignored for vast stretches. Russia is hardly mentioned in the first three hundred pages. No concept of Europe emerges. No context for Europe in world

history appears. The publishers have been unpardonably slack: they have encumbered the pictures with captions which are often wrong and usually worthless. They have let



Vices and virtues: breakthrough in the Chunnel (1990)

Maddeningly, quotations are attributed to one observer" or "a contemporary" - presumably in order to spare American undergraduates from the embarrassment of difficult foreign names. Chronology and classification are meaninglessly telescoped. Gunpowder, muskets and rifles for instance, are crammed into two paragraphs ostensibly about 13th and 14th century warfare. The Crimean War is crushed into a section on Victorian Britain. The breathless last chapters on postwar Europe read almost like newscasters' headlines, with no story followed for

long enough to make sense. e author's judgments are frank but not fearless: he likes Whigs, democrats and free-market economists, hates slavers, imperialists and fanatics. Yet we never

about the mid-Victorian age of

consent (12), but whenever he

mentions the child prostitutes

operating in the Haymarket

just yards from Dodgson's

favourite hotel, there is somehow an amusing background

noise of head banging against brick. Bakewell cautions the

reader not to jump to sensa-

tional conclusions; he believes

that Dodgson was in love with

his own childhood, and that

the famous break with the

Liddells came about not

because he asked for Alice's

hand, but because he took um-

brage himself. He was not

banished from the Deanery: offended by Mrs Liddell's

suspicions, he stayed away. As

a solution to the most famous

mystery in his life, it certainly

fits in perfectly with his known

robin asking to be transferred

to another teacher." But the

words "and yet" are never far

away with Lewis Carroll. He

invented a new womanly

voice, just as she had no ultra modern dandyish concern

Merriman refer in his preface to "these two volumes" while publishing the book in one. They ought to have mixed metaphors and stylistic infelicities of an author who is not a professional writer. Nor can anyone writing at this length on such a broad theme avoid howlers without editorial help. On this showing, there is

no place on Parnassus for John Merriman. He will continue to share low slopes with fellow-historians: there are more of us in the world today than ever. Yet between us we write fewer books that other people want to read. If we want to haul ourselves higher we shall have to discard all the old rope. And textbooks are among the unnecessary encumbrances

Curiouser and curiouser

Then Alice's Adven-tures in Wonderland was first published in 1865, it received a rather double-edged tribute from one of its reviewers. So struck was the writer by Alice's charming nonsense and humour that he declared, One can hardly help reading it through."

Alice, of course, did not deserve such faint praise, but biographers of its author should be pleased with it. As Virginia Woolf once brutally pointed out, "The Rev C. L. Dodgson had no life"; a biography which carries you to the end is therefore a marked success. These new books (both pluckity prepared in the teeth of Morton Cohen's monumental biography pub-lished last year) qualify on these meagre terms at least.

Dodgson is like the elusive snark of his famous poem pursued by strangely compelled people who don't know what they are looking for. Lynne Truss

LEWIS CARROLL: A Biography By Michael Bakewell Heinemann, SO ISBN 0434045799 LEWIS CARROLL: A Portrait with **Background** By Donald Thomas John Murray £25 ISBN 07195 53277

whose maps don't help. "Forks and Hope" are as useful as you might imagine on this quest; nevertheless Donald Thomas arms himself with all manner of forks - raking the Victorian collective psyche for child prostitution and Oxford political intrigue (he's very good on this); while Michael Bakewell trusts to Dodgson's imagination, believing that if enough care is employed, this intensely pecular man can be ultimately matched to his in-

tensely peculiar work. So these books are very

different. Bakewell is a good critic; stealthy, sensitive to Dodgson's infinite shades of grey, while Thomas is a col-ourist who sometimes prefers a splash of violet or orange quite unrelated to the big picture, for the forgiveable reason of wanting some narra-

Dodgson had a happy childhood at home so much is clear. His school days at Rugby were miserable, and his life-long sojourn at Christ Church, Oxford, was his fate rather than his ambition. And that's about it. As the White Knight's poem says, "I'll tell thee everything I can, there's little to relate." — and the little to relate here includes 19 consecutive summers in Eastbourne, a few child-friends, lots of pernickery wrangles, and in a startlingly uninteresting excursion to Russia. Under the nursery floor at the Croft Rectory in Yorkshire was dis-



Between reality and dreams: Sir John Tenniel's engraving of Alice in Wonderland (1865)

covered a block of wood on which the young Charlie sup-posedly wrote, "And we'll wander through the wide world, and chase the buffalo' but this exuberant intention was surely never literal, sad to

when he insists that Dodgson throughout his life re-invented reality to make it his own when he parodied a poem, took a picture of an "undraped" child, constructed unguessable conundrums, put Alice into a story, or closed his

ears to profanity, he was

simply asserting the power of his own imagination to keep the world safe from any real buffalo who might possibly chase him back.

The question of Dodgson's interest in little girls remains problematic, not to say sticky. Thomas makes useful points

character.
And his character is very well known by now. Bakewell sums him up: "Fussy and easily offended, old-maidish and excessively prudish . . . he carried himself bolt upright, was deaf in one ear, suffered from housemaid's knee, and had a pronounced stammer. He was such a dull tutor that his pupils organised a round

is like one of his own puzzles; logical, but only to himself. Despite all his clerical "fuss budgeting" he was also a very funny writer - breezy, even who delighted children with games and tricks. The little girls really loved to visit him: they were not just being polite.

ne wonders whether, with madness so big a books, sexuality was the only thing Dodgson kept at bay with his "pillow problems" and perpetual mental invention. His uncle, Skeffington Lutwidge, a commissioner in lunacy, was killed by a madman - and it was after a visit with Skeffington that Dodgson concluded that lunacy was the confusion of reality and dream - a distinct with which he certainly had problems himself. While it is true that his works have been psychoanalysed quite enough already (Alice as a symbolic penis takes the biscuit here), it still seems odd that biographers turn infrequently to books that reveal so much. Perhaps they remember the fate of the snark-finder: he softly and silently vanished away. With a quarry as elusive as Lewis Carroll, however, that's a risk you've got to take.

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THIS IS the second in a series of three volumes of Angela Carter's collected works. The first, which came out last year. brought together all her short stories, the works which, in my view, most definitely express her genius. Her highly original reworkings of traditional fairy-tales combined with warmth, humour, slyness and passion, while the strict narrative form kept her ebullient and generous writing within bounds. Now we're given the dramatic writing. works encompassing radio

plays, an opera and pieces for stage and screen. It's no accident that Carter should have loved writing drama. A theme running through all her fiction, and her non-fiction too, is the theatricality of daily life, how we depend upon rituals and gestures in which we've been coached since childhood, to get us through close encounters of all kinds. Being a woman, for example, in Carter's world meant acting like one. Femininity was a masquerade. We

Hot behind the curtain Michele Roberts

strut our little stages under the close scrutiny of family and lovers. Drag queens and changelings, panto dames and castrati, Carter loved them all. It's not surprising that she found film potential in The Company of Wolves, her re-telling of Little Red Riding-Hood which stresses masks and meramorphoses as well as anger and sex: film is a perfect medium for exploring how surface images can dissolve and change. Neil Jordan's film helped bring Carter's work to a wider audience, as did the TV film about her. The Mar-

before her death. The same preoccupation tend to pop up all through her works. This compendious volume includes reworkings for radio of Puss in Boots and the Dracula legend: a Western inspired by a Weber opera. relocated in a rundown brothel, a draft for an opera of

vellous Room, made shortly

THE CURIOUS ROOM By Angela Carter Chauo, E20 ISBN 0701163089

Virgina Woolf's Orlando: fictionalised biographies of parricidal Victorian painter Richard Dadd and of Ronald Firbank, the Edwardian novelist: a new version of Wedekind's Lulu: a screenplay based on a real-life matricide in New Zealand, as well as the screenplays for The Magic Toyshop and The Company of

Wolves. Perhaps this collection will be of most use to students of Carter's work rather than the ordinary reader. While it's good to know that a collected edition of her works is available, most of us don't read

play texts for fun. What's interesting about these scripts, though, is the evidence they furnish of Carter's highly visual imagination. She wasn't going to wait for directors and stage designers to bring her visions to life. She knew all about making images work in

the printed page.
Writers' reputations often dip in the years immediately following their deaths, before reassessment is made. I had no doubt that some critics will feel hot and bothered by Carter's delight in skipping between all kinds of different literary and dramatic forms. Just as it was impossible to pigeonhole her as a feminist or feminist writer, so it's difficult to argue that she should have stuck to novels and short stories. Clearly, she relished

experiment and change, aes-

thetically as well as politically.

She joked all the time. She

with language and story shape, but she was always subversive. Holy cows, feminist or otherwise, were to be treated with irreverence. One of the pleasures of reading this book is watching a writer's imagination translate itself into visual and aural theatre. The proof is here, on

effects. We're allowed backstage, to peep at the wondrous machines of illusion, to follow Carter's relish of technology. Mother Goose or the storyspinning grandmother in the corner by the fire, lived on, for her, through radio: in its most essential sense ... radio retains the atavistic lure, the atavistic power, of voices in the dark, and the writer who gives the words to these voices retains some of the authority of the most antique tellers of tales." Had she lived. I'm sure Angela Carter would have been one of the first explorers of virtual reality. In her imagination, she'd got there



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8 0006 RUPANA 12 (F) C Misray 4-7-12	SKY S Sanders 3 B Doyle 2 D Harrisoz 4

5-4 Compton Place, 6-4 Polish Wanter, 3-1 Columba, 14-1 Daimery Dances COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: J Gosden, 11 women: hom 39 numers, 28.2%, P Chapple-Hyam, 8 from 33, 24.2%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Stocke, 5 from 31, 16.1%; R Charfion, 11 from 70, 15.7%

PENTIRE, winner of last Saturday's King

George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond

Stakes at Ascor, was the most notable absentee

from the yesterday's acceptors for the 1012-

furlong Juddmonte International Stakes at

His trainer, Geoff Wragg, is to keep the colt

7.35 SPIRE FIN HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,366: 1m) (14)
1 - 020 BALLPORNT 24 R Hanson 9-7
10 0043 NAKHAL 5 (8) D Marray Smith 8-7 Paul Eddery 9 11 4311 SYLVAN PRINCESS 3 (F.G.S.) C Aben 8-6 (Sec) Marin Dayer (5) 1
12 0000 MORNING SR 27 C Barnell 8-4
Hope, 8-1 Shouldbegrey Makhal, 10-1 others.
8.05 DOWNING CLAINING STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,868.6f) (14)
1 - 610 OHTDLAM 22 (C.D.F.S) R Hamon 9-4
6 0580 APARTMENTS ABROAD 8 (V.6) K McAudic 8-3 J Stack 12 7 0000 BELLA'S LEGACY 24 & Hodges 8-3 B Doyle 5 8 -000 MY MRLLE 33 (Y) R Boes 8-3 D Hamson 2 9 0400 MUSEC MSTRESS 27 (6) J Moore 8-1 M Herry (3) 7 10 0-36 REAL GRIM 6 P Malan 8-1 S Sanders 14
11 0605 DOUBLE OR BUST 26 A Newcombe 7-11
Time, 12-1 Apartments Abroad, 14-1 others.
8.35 MAGDALENE FILLIES HANDICAP SKY (\$4,078: 61 212yd) (14)
1 1433 ZFLDA ZURK 12 (D,F) B Meetten 4-10-0 B Doyle 14 2 022 POMONA 71 F Nation 3-9-7 S Sanders 2 3 -100 FLIRTY GERTIE 22 (D,G) R Boss 4-9-4 R Hughes 13 4 5452 NANSHARPA 8 J Fareltower 3-9-4 R Hills 1 5 5642 MARNAMA 17 (S) F Wahnyn 3-9-7 R Hills 1 6 562 MARNAMA 20 (S) F Urbahyn 3-9-7 G Hills 1 7 550- SUPREME THOUGHT 307 L COURT 4-9-0 M Fereton 5
6 652 MISRULE 20 (8F) J Gester 3-9-2
9 - S50 CASSIMERE 48 D Chappell 4-8-9 W.J O'Connor 3 10 0-06 SECRET PLEASURE 20 R Harmon 3-8-9 Dane O'Neil (3) 4 11 5404 WRISOME WOOSTER 13 (G.S.) P Murphy 5-8-9 S Drowne (S) 11
12 0800 JUBILEE PLACE 15 (A) T Thomson Junes 3-8-7 D Haarlson 12 13 3000 CORRICHE OUEST 7 (BF.6) M Chammon 3-8-7 C Rutter 6 14 3-55 AUDREY GRACE 22 Mess G Kelleway 5-7-13 . T Sprake 10 5-1 Zelda Zonb, Nuesterpa, 6-1 Pomona, 7-1 Marparra, Secret Pleasure, 8-1

	
SPIRE FIN HANDICAP 366: 1m) (14)	DONCASTER
BALLPORNT 24 R Hannon 9-7. Dane 07Mall (3) 8 WHITE SETTLER 21 (4) R Hodges 9-5. S Drowno (3) 7 UNIVEON PRINCESS 7 (0.5) C Murray 9-1. J Figor 3 TEA PARTY 13 N Countingham Brown 9-0. J Field 12 SHALATERY 24 B Millionan 8-13. B Doyle 2 SHALATERY 24 B Millionan 8-13. S Sandars 4	THUNDERER 8.20 Good Hand. 6.50 Flaming West. 7.20 Soaking. 7.50 Cretan Gift. 8.20 Cadeaux Tryst. 8.50 Middle East.
TEA PHRITY 13 N. Cumingham-Brown 9-9	GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
MACROTHMICES J (F.O.S) C American 19 (1945) MACROTHMIC SR 27 C Barwell 8-4	6.20 DONCASTER RACECOURSE SUNDAY MARKET HANDICAP (Arnateurs: \$2,807: 2m 110yd) (11) 1 010 STOMPN 44 (0.F.G) Miss H Knight 5-11-7
DOWNING CLAIMING 3-Y-O: \$2,868.6f) (14) ORTOLAN 22 (C.D.F.S) R Hamon 9-4	3 4400 ANGLESEY SEA VEW 19 (D.G) A Bailey 7-10-6 Miss Bridgel Gatebrouse (5) 7 4 4335 JALCANTO 14 (6) Mrs M Revely 6-9-13. M H Massgrion 4 5 2511 ARIAN SPRIT 66 (9.F.C.S) J Eye 5-9-11. Miss Derre Jones 3 6 5-91 CANDLE SEMOKE 17 (7) 6 Hatvood 3-9-11 Miss A Perset 11 7 00 FRONTER REGHT 40 Miss L Saddal 6-9-10 Miss T Cave (5) 1 8 3315 CHAKALAK 19 (D.F.G) S Done 9-8-8 S Fetherstonbaugh (5) 2 9 6306 MOSEY MATINE 7 (7) J Peace 3-9-0 Miss L Peace 8 10 1222 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE 6 (8F.G) T Nacopton 3-9-0 Mrs J Nacopton (5) 10 11 -500 PHANAN 168 (F.G) R Peaceck 10-9-0 Mrs C Peaceck (5) 5 3-1 Arian Spirit, 7-2 Stompin, 4-1 Cantle Sinole, 9-2 Good Hand 8-1 Jalcanto, Custalak, 10-1 Old School House, 12-1 others.
BELLA'S LEGACY 24 6 Hodges 8-3 B Doyle 5 MY MRLE 30 (7) Bosts 8-3 D Hanrson 2 MISSE MISTRESS 27 (6) J Moore 8-1 M Henry (3) 7 REAL BEM 6 P Mater 8-1 S Sanders 14 DOUBLE OR BUST 25 A Newcombe 7-11 N Variey (3) 14 DOUBLE OR BUST 25 A Newcombe 7-11 Inou Wardey (3) 14 GOLDEN SILVER 26 J Moore 7-11 C Adamson (5) 3 POWER PRINCESS 30 J Pickering 7-11 Martin Dwyer (5) 4 I Ciserano, 7-1 Real Gem. 8-1 Music Mestress, Double Or Bust, Red riments Abrocal, 14-1 others	6.50 DONCASTER STALLHOLDERS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0; £4,726; 7f) (5) 1 11 BRAVE ATT 21 (0.7.5) M Prescon 9-5 6 Duffield 4 2 21 FLAMING WEST 20 (0.7.5) M Prescon 9-5 W Ryan 5 3 41 PAPUA 19 (0.7.1) Badding 9-0 K Failon 2 4 6023 POOT BATTALLON 19 (6) R Hollensbad 8-11. F Lynch (3) 1 5 132 SAMSUNG SPRIT 34 (6) E Weynnes 8-6 J Fortune 3 7-4 Randing West. 3-1 Brave Act, Papua, 5-1 Foot Battalon 16-1 Samsung Sport.
MAGDALENE FILLES HANDICAP SKY 212/00 (14)	7.20 WARD'S THORNE BEST BITTER SKY
ZELDA ZONK 12 (D.F) 8 Meston 4-10-0 B Doyle 14 POMADNA 71 P Makin 3-9-7 LIRTY GERTIZ 2 (D.G) 8 Boss 4-9-4 S Indiges 13 NLINSHARPA 8 J Farchane 3-9-4 J Read MARLIANIA 17 (6) P Mothym 3-9-2 R Highle 13 NLINSHARPA 8 J Forcione 3-9-2 G Hind 7 SLIPPENE THOUGHT 307 L Cottrel 4-9-0 M Fembro 5 BAMOTI GRIL 10 (CD.9F.F.G.) 1 Balding 3-8-10 Martin Dayler (5) 9 Martin Dayler (6) Martin Dayler (7) Martin Dayler (7) SECRET PLEASURE 20 R Hannon 3-8-9 Dane D Neel (3) 4	1 00-0 MASRAF 13 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 . W Carstin 14 2 00-6 EUPHYLLA 28 (V.CO.F) Bob Jones 4-9-12 . F Norton 8 3 3004 DAWALB 12 (D.F.G) I Phytop Jones 6-9-10 . A Mackey 3 4 0033 OCHOS ROS 19 (C.D.F.G.S) B Rothwell 5-9-5 S Copp (S) 4 5 0003 SAMSOLOM 13 (C.D.F.G.) P Hondring 9-9-4 K Fallon 2 6 4136 ALLINSON'S MATE 21 (CD.F.G.) Emon 9-9-3 . J Fortone 1 7 2346 ZAN DANCER 8 (B.D.) D Mcholts 4-9-2 . Alex Greaves 5 8 0610 BLISHING GRENADER 22 (V.C.S.S) M Federaston-Godley 4-9-2 F Lynch (Z) 13 9 6213 SHONTANE 3 (C.D.F.G) M Johnston 3-9-1 . P Rotherson 1 10 5001 SOAKNAG 22 (D.F.G.) P Burgopoe 5-8-13 D.R McCabe 12
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ER	7.50 DONCASTER GOOSEHELL SKY
est, 7.20 Scaking, ryst. 8.50 Middle	1 1146 CRETAN GIFT 19 (B,D,BF,F,G) N L tomotion 5-3-7 T G McLaughin 9 2 1342 ALMASI 13 (CD,F,G) C Wed 4-9-4 . G Dechter 1 3 4021 ROYAL DOME 2 PF,G) N Waro 4-9-4 . J Fortone 1 4 0000 BRECONGILL LAD 28 (D,F,G) Mes 5 Hail 4-9-1 N Councilin 5 5 0000 CALL ME I'M SILIE 23 (D,B,S) N Tabler 6-9-1 N Beach 7 5 2345 HALMAMERROR 29 (D,F,G,S) Mes J Fortone 6-9-1 N Fabler 6-9-1
ES) SIS	7 1-44 STATISTICIAN 12 (D.F.) John Berry 4-9: Amy Clark (7) 2 8 3-00 SUPPRENT 17 (G) 8 Melkehren 4-6: Winnamer 17 (G) 8 9 -103 DESERT LYRIX 28 (D.G.) 1 Watson 3-8-11 F Lyrich (3) 10 10 3604 BALLYS RRST 8 M Johnston 3-8-8 PRocesson 9 6-2 Royal Dome: 3-1 Abrasil 9-2 Halmanerror 6-1 Desert Lyrix, 7-1 Saketa Foot 8-1 Cretan Gill, 10-1 others
7: 2m 110yd) (11) 11-7	8.20 COME TO DONCASTER MARKETS CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,395: 1m md) (10) 1 140 8ISHOP OF CASHEL 97 (CD.8F.F.G.S) J.F.EISAR-02 ÷3-5
-9-10 Miss T Cave (5) 1 S Fetherstooksup (5) 2 S Fetherstooksup (5) 1 Miss J Naughton (5) 10 Miss J Naughton (5) 10 Miss C Peacock (5) 5 Good Hand 8-1 Jalcanto.	A Fallon 5 2 6242 BAND ON THE REN 27 (CD.F.G.S) B Nathanco 5-9-3. Lifetime 7 3 5326 CADEALX TRYST 43 (F.G.) E Dunkop 4-9-4. Wi Riyan 10 4 51 GREENSTEAD 22 (G.) 16:000m 3-8-11. Daie Gasson 1 5 4102 PHANTONE OLEST 15 (D.B.F.) H Ceni 3-8-11. Pat Edder 2 6 4003 LAP OF LIDURY 51 (CD.F.G) Williams 7-8-9. B Thomson 3 7 1-05 BONARELLI BA (D.F.G) Williams 3-8-7. P Roberson 5 8 216- CONSMITTAL 291 (G.) (D.J. Genthal 3-8-7. Li Carroll 8 9 0120 CAPILAND PRINCESS 40 (C.F.S.) D Hoyda Sans 5-8-2
RS CONDITIONS	A Mackey 5 10 1-44 RM2NAMA 79 (F,G) (BF) E Hills 3-8-2 W Gassen 4 3-1 Committed 5-1 Russense Codespor Tryst 6-1 Phostom Quest 7-1 Band 2n The Ron, 8-1 Lap Of Lucury, Borandia, 10-1 others.
6 Duffield 4 W Ryan 5 K Faiton 2 c 8-11. F Lyach (3) 1 -6. J Fortune 3 on 16-1 Samsing Sport	8.50 DAZZLING DONCASTER MARKETS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,235: 6I) (8) 1 304 PHARMACY 15 (D.F.) I Wate 9-7 G Duffed: 3 2 6021 NO MORKEY NUTS 15 (D.F.) J Beny 9-6 J Carrol 1
O. W Carson 14 -12. F Norton 8 9-10. A Mackey 3 15-9-5 S Copp (5) 4 9-4. K Falton 2	1 -304 PHARMACY 15 (D.F.) J Wates 9-7 G Duffield 3 2 5071 NO MODROCY NUTS 15 (D.F.) Benry 9-6 J. J Carrol 1 3 1131 U-NO-HARRY 28 (D.F.) Helinophera 9-4 Flynch (3) 4 4 -021 MODDLE EAST 15 (D.F.) T Benron 9-4 J. Furname 8 5 -533 MERRALY 15 Mers 5 Hail 9-3 K Fallon 5 6 0054 MYTTONS MISTRAKE 20 (F) A Bakey 9-1 D Wenger (3) 6 7 0015 BEE HEALTH BOY 15 (D.S.) M VE Eachedy 9-6 G Parkin (6) 7 8 0010 BOLLIN DOROTHY 17 (S) T Sectionly 8-6 J M Borch 2 3-1 U-No-Harry 7-2 Missibe East, 4-1 Mytons Medales, 9-2 Member 9-1 Monthey Muts, 8-1 Phermacy 10-1 others
m 8-9-3 . J Fortune 1	COURSE SPECIALISTS

3-1 U-No-Herry 7-2 Middle East, 4-1 Myticus Middle, 9-2 Venity 6 Monkey Nuts, 8-1 Phermacy 10-1 others		
	COURSE SPECIALISTS	
	TRAINERS: M Fetherston-Godien, 6 wenters from 22 nomers 27.3° H Cecil, 23 from 87, 26.4%, U Gestien, 32 from 143, 22.4%, U Scot 20 from 95, 21.1% D Hardin Jones, 4 from 19, 21.1% B Hills, 5 from 155, 17.8%, U Berry, 17 from 123, 13.2%, U Fasshare, 6 ft 51, 11.8%, E Weymes, 3 from 27, 11.1%,	
	JOCKEYS: B Roomson, 6 wanners from 24 rates, 25 0%, Pic Sidder 34 from 192, 17 7%, Willyan, 25 from 150, 14 7%, Wilderson, 29 fro 208, 13 9%, J. Canadi, 17 from 153, 11, 1%, D.R. McCate, 4 from 5 18 8%, P. Robinson, 9 from 87, 10 3%	
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King George winner Pentire to bypass International Stakes at York

Tykeyvor (16-1) and Chester Cup victor Merit

(16-1) were each taken out of the York feature at the forfeit stage. Hills bet 6-1 Harbour Dues. 10-1 Beauchamp Jade. 12-1 Celeric. 14-1 Ambassador, Snow Princess, Top Cees, 16-1 Better Offer. Corradini, Desert Frolic, Foundry Lane, Monarch, Mystic Hill, Private Song, 20-1 bar.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm Going: good to arm
2,15 (2m 4); 1, SOUTHERN POWER, IT
Conn. 7-2); 2. See Victor (M H8s. 10-1);
3. Unchanged: (6 Doyle: 12-1); ALSO
RAN: 100-30 (sev Salaman (5m, 9-2);
Macaon (8m), 7 Paradise Navy (4m); 10;
Invest Wisely: 16 Colendos, 40 Cypress
Avenue 9 ran NR, Bowdille Cour. Nk,
110, 7, 11 381, R Akehurst at Epson.
Total: 5a 10; 21 80; C200, C3 00; DF
514-20; Tinc: 574 10. CSF 532 56
Turcast: 5316 14 Tricasi: £316 14

2.45 :71 1 PUTRA (T Ourin, 100-30) 2 Grapeshot (K Darley 9-1) 3 Equal Rights (J Red. 12-1) ALSO RAN 7-1 lav Hights of Rend. 12-11 ALSO RAN 7-3 lav Salmi (bsb), 8 Fun Galore 12 Ar Express (4h) 35 Belgranz 9 ran 21 nk, 11-1, 11 P Cole at Whatcombe Tote 64 40 01.60, 52-60, 0230 DF 525-30, 03F 528-94 Alter a stewards' inquiry. Sahm was disqualified and placed last.

3.20 (1m) 1, FIRST ISLAND (M Hills, 5-1) 3.20 (1m) 1, FIRST ISLAND (M Hills, 5-1) 2 Charmwood Forest (M J Finane, Evens (av), 3, Afhaarth (F. Darley, 14-1) ALSO RAN 6 Matiya, Soribe Tower (4th), 12 Al-Royal 25 Cayman Kar, Mistle Cat (6th), Restructure (5th), 40 Heart Lake, 10 ran (I), 151, 141 sh tid, 51 G. Wragg at Newmarket Tote 25-30; 61-90, 61-10, 22-00 DF 63-80, Timo 617-30 CSF 510-01 After a slewards inquiry, result stood.

stood.

3.50 (1m 4l) 1, FREECUENT (Pat Eddery, 9-1, Thunderer's nap); 2 Time Allowed (R Hilbs. 6-1); 3, Lakeline Legend (Erman O'Gorman, 14-1) ALSO PAÍN 4-1 lav Araben Slory (6th), 6 Frog. 7 Arrbassador, 9 Al Shata, Nador, 14 Salington (5th) 16 Spillo (4th), 20 Leget Right, 33 Classic Eagle 12 ran NR: Three Hilbs. 4: 11-1 11 11-1, 51, L Cumann at Newmarket, Tote 210 60 9320, 2230, 2340 DF £53 60, Tho. £354.50 CSF. 557.29 Troats, £692 22

557.39 Treast, 6992 22
4.25 (51) 1. YOUDONTSAY (Dane O'Neit), 20-1), 2. Haft Tone (N Varley 10-1); 3, Rurs In The Family (Martin Dwyer, 16-1) ALSO RAN 3-1 laz Bowcliffe Grange, 5 Frendly Brave 8 Misler Jotson, 10 Tuscan Dawn (6th) IT Basfraul Brave (5th), Patacegale Jack, 14 Tinker Osmaston, 20 Barramak, Invocation (4th), 33 Mazzarelo 13 ran, Hd, N. 1/4, 11/4, rk, 17 Naughton at Epsom Tote 522.10, 53.0, 53.10, 53.40, DF £155.30 Trios: 52975.77.

5.00 r6h 1 IN COMMAND (M HRIs, 6-5 tav), 2, Mile High (R Hughes, 10-1); 3, Orontes (Dane O'Neil, 20-1), ALSO RAN, 7-2 Shuwaikh (4th), 13-2 High Enreme (6th), 8 Danka, 14 Select Choice, 50 Linden's Lad (5th), 8 ran NR, Bulmito, 91, 51, 314; 1 M 8 Hills at Lambourn Tote £130 £130, £150, £3 90, DF-£7 50 Tino £30 80, CSF, £12 88.

5.35 · 1m 10 1. PANATA (O Urbina, 8-1); 5.35 - (m 1): 1. PANATA (O Urbine, 8-1):
2. Iberian Dancer (M Henry, 11-1): 3,
Blue Zulu (D Harrison, 8-1) ALSO RAN:
4-1 lav Victorian Style, 5 Catch The Lights,
10 Sweltana, 12 Teal Of Swer (4th), 14
Kirly Kitty Cancan, Omara, 16 Rom's
Secret (5th), 25 Royal Diversion (6th), 11
ran NR Devon Peasant, Jegyah 1, Ind.
nk, 13-1, nk, L, Cumani al Newmarket
Tote, 57.70, 52 80, 52 50, 52 70 DF.

£36 40. Trior £76 10. CSF £75 72 Tricast £565 41. Jackpot £67,352.60 (0.10 winning tickets; pool of £85,376,59 carried toward to Goodwood today). Placepot: £565.00 Quadpot: £82.50.

FITST IS

Doncaster

Going: good to firm firm in places Going: good to firm farm in places 2.00 (fm 4) 1, RUSHEN RAIDER (D. McKeown, 3-1), 2. Westminster (P. Robinson, 2-1 tevr), 3, North Bear (O. Pears, 9-2) ALSO RAN: 5 Durham (4th), 11-2 Pickens (5th), 33 Hangoninthere (8th), High Flown, 7 ran, 15t, 2, 2 th, 10t, 11-11 Hidge at Isle Of Man Tote (54.40, 52.70, 51.80, DF, 64.70, CSF; 59.21, Depoted in 5 600ms. Bought in 5.600gns

Bought in 5.604grs

2.30 (7f) 1, MEDAALY (D. Holland, 4-5 (as), 2, Further Outfook (K. Fallon, 15-2), 3. Mrs. Mirriver (G. Duffield, 9-2), ALSO RAN, 11-2 Tasik Chini (8th), 8.8 Barrum Sands (4th), 12 Levihous (5th), 20 Bollin Terry, Briver King, 8 ran 29-1, 31, 134, 14-1, 33, Saeed bin Suroor at Newmerket Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £1.80, £1.60, DF; £4.40, CSF £8.89.

24.0 CSF £8.89.

3.05 (61) 1. ROYAL APPLAUSE (K Fallon.
4-5 lav. Private Handicapper's top ratings. 2. Russian Revival (D Holland.
6-1). 3. Speed On (C Rutter, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sergeyev (unsealed nder). 8
Resounder (4th) 5 ran NR. Bsaleet Nk.
51. 11. 8 Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70.
£1.30, £1.80 DF £4.60 CSF £5.08

C1 30, C1.80 DF C4 60 CSF C5.08

3.35 (1m) 1, BLESSED SPRIT (S Sanders, 7-2), 2 Faterfully (D Holland, 5-2 av), 3, Tsamista: (G Carter, 9-2), ALSO RAN 5 Seeking Fortune (50h), 8 Kazimera, Singapora Sting (4th), 14 Tabrz, 16 Dispoi Diamond, Krow Lady (6th), 9 ran, NR, Rebell County Hd, 1 kl, 41, 41, C Well at Newmerket, Tote, 23 30, C1 70, C1 80, C1 70, DF: 52 40 Trio 52 30 CSF C13 44 Tricash 536 83. After a stewards inquiry, result stood After a stawards' inquiry, result \$1000 4.10 (Im 2! 60yd) 1, CELESTIAL CHORR (O Pears, 11-2); 2, Blurred (P Robinson, 10-1), 3, Rory (Amenda Sanders, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 lav Overniled, 3 Advance East (4th), 5 Special-K (5th), 9 Hyrig North (6th), 10 Amusing Aside, 8 ran Nk, 11-bl, hd, 5, Vi, J Syre at Thirsk, Tote £6 40, £1 80, £2.50, £2.30 DF £53 30, CSF, £54 35 Tricast; £409,60 253 30. CSr. 154 35 Tricast 548-0. L 4.45 (5) 1, OATEY (K Fallon, 13-2), 2, L A Touch (J Stack, 7-2 g-lav), 3, Carnionneur (J Lowe, 7-2 g-lav), ALSO RAN, 4 Sharp Monly (5th), 9-2 Gagajulu, 10 Chemcast (6th), Pleasure Time, 12 Swifty Nilly, 14 Chalce (4th), 33 Fancy Clancy, 10 ran, 11, 1¼1, rik, 31, 1½1, Mrs J Ramsden at Thrisk, Tole 213 10; 92-60, 91 80, 91-60, 075 922-90, Tric 936-20, CSF 631 53 Tricast 691-76.

Placepot £35,80. Quadpot £13.10 ☐ Mark Of Esteem, the 2,000 Guineas winner, will return to action at Goodwood on August 24. The Godolphin-owned colt has not run since finishing eighth in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal

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also have her first outing since victory in the

William Hill yesterday left their betting on

the Tote-Ebor Handicap unchanged despite

the withdrawal of three leading fancies. Royal

Ascot winners Gordi (quoted at 12-1) and

Pertemps 1,000 Guineas in May.

Chancery Division

Collateral contract must be certain Football League is open to review

involving the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Breeders' Cup and Japan Cup. and top three-year-olds Bijou D'Inde. Even Top and Glory Of Dancer. Bosta Sham could

Wake and Another v Renault Eastgate for due cause, to vary its (UK) Ltd

York on August 20.

Before Mr Justice Robert Walker [Judgment July 25]

When a main contract was embodied in formal legal documents, the terms of any contract collateral to it had to be certain and any assur-ances binding, as distinct from mere statements of present intention or policy. Such collateral contracts had, however, the attraction for a manufacturer operating on standard forms of contract of enabling it to be confidentially flexible, while insisting that it never altered such forms.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division when granting Harry Wake and Eastgate Motor Company (Lincoln) Ltd final injunctions restraining Renault (UK) Ltd from:

I Acting on a notice dated Septemher 26, 1995 purporting to give Eastgate 12 months notice of termination of its dealer agreement, or on a variation notice of May 9, 1996; and

2 Giving any further termination notices (as specified) during the period from the judgment until the earlier of (i) September 30, 2002 and (ii) the date when Mr Wake ceased to be chief executive and in full-time management of Eastgate;

3 Granting to any other person any new franchise affecting the Lincoln area during that injunction period:

(a) the parties be at liberty to enter into new agreements meeting the requirements of European

(b) Renault retained all its rights to terminate its agreements with

consignment agreement with Eastgate in good faith and for purposes connected with the proper functioning of the latter (c) Renault could apply to dis-charge or modify the injunction in the event of any significant change

at a mile and a half in an autumn campaign a contest between last year's winner, Halling.

Mr Robert Hantusch for the plaintills: Mr Terence Mowschenson, QC and Mr Martin Hutchings for Renault

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the case raised a familiar problem: whether the terms of standard-form commercial documents, prepared by a large company, had been varied or overridden by an informal, collai-

Negotiations ensued: after a meeting arranged by Mr Wake at Mr Mead's request on May 8, 1991 a talk ensued between the two, at which, according to Mr Wake, he was offered a permanent franchise if he would take over the Lincoln company, which he had by then been running for some months.

William Haggas has also taken Ascot third

But the £200,000-added race could still offer

Shaamit out of the group one York contest as he is giving the Derby winner a break prior to

a possible tilt at Irish Champion Stakes.

eral contract.

Mr Wake, operations director of Mann Egerton's Renault branches until taking early retirement in 1990, had been well known and respected by Renault directors. In 1989 Marin Egerton had sold its Lincoln branch, with the Renault dealership, to a company which ran into difficulties and turned for

help to Mr Wake. A Renault memorandum of April 23, 1991 signed by Mr Garfath, who reported to Mr Mead, the dealer planning man-ager, recommended support at an increased level for the Lincoln branch "subject to Mr Wake acquiring control*

Two more oral exchanges cnsued: on June 4: and immediately after Mr Mead had on June 13 written a letter of offer, duly countersigned by Mr Wake, including the words "in the unlikely event of the termination of the dealer agreement, to Mr Wake, according to whom Mr Mead had then said Mr Wake could not expect Renault to rewrite

its own dealership agreement "just for him", but termination was not expected "so long as he was there as chief executive". A rescue package, to which Mr Wake contributed £75,000, ensued:

the company then steadily On September 27, 1995, without warning or discussion. Mr Wake got from Renault formal 12

months' notice of termination. He at once tried to establish tele contact with Renault officials. from managing director downwards. None returned his calls, deeply unattractive behaviour. A writ and application for an

interlocutory injunction ensued, stood over on undertakings. On May 9, Renault made another unexpected move: a lax from its corporate affairs manager required the company to return all vehicles held by it under clause 6 of its consignment agreement and varied that agreement by reducing with immediate effect the maximum consignment period from 180 to 7 days".

Four issues arose, and had to be swered as follows: I Did Mr Mead, from whom his Lordship had neither oral evidence nor any written statement under the Civil Evidence Act, although described by Renault's solicitor, in an interlocutory affidavit, as a "crucial witness", give Mr Wake oral assurances which were sufficiently definite to be capable of constituting a binding collateral contract?

Yes: Mr Wake committed himself and Eastgate to that contract on June 17, 1992, by countersigning Mr Mead's letter dated June 13. 2 What were its terms?

Renault's promise was that so long as Mr Wake was chief executive and controlling shareholder of Eastgate, neither the dealer nor the consignment agreement would be terminated by

3 Did Mr Mead have actual or ostensible authority to bind Renault?

Yes: with the actual authority of Renault acting by its managing livector, for whose absence during the hearing there was no explanafrom Mr Mowschenson's observation that Renault was not bound to call him. on June 4, 1992.

4 Should the plaintiffs be granted injunctive relief and in what Yes, in terms as stated above. The most recent authority was Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd v Argyll Stores (Holdings) Ltd (The Times December 29, 1995; [1996] 3 WLR 27) in which the Appeals

Committee of the House of Lords

had granted leave to appeal. After reviewing 17 other authorities, his Lordship was fully satisfied that damages would not be an adequate remedy for the plaintiffs.

Solicitors: Chattertons. Horneastle: Iliffes Booth Bennett, Stevenage Borough Football Club Ltd v The Football League Ltd Before Mr Justice Carnwath

Judgment July 23

Although the Football League was an independent body it was part of the elaborate structure established for the control of professional football in the interests of the public generally.

Therefore, if the league's rules were shown to be arbitrary or capricious they were open to review by the courts but the onus was on those who made the challenge to establish their case. However, due to delay in bringing proceedings to challenge the league's rules the court refused to grant the relief sought.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting in the Chancery Division dismissed Stevenage Borough Football Club Ltd for an infunction restraining the league from imposing its criteria for membership of the league so as to refuse Stevenage admission to the Football League Ltd.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC. for Stevenage; Mr Murray Rosen, QC, Mr Tim Kerr and Miss Marie emetriou for the league.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that in May 1996 Stevenage finished top of the GM Vauxhall Football Conference, the league of mi-professional football clubs immediately below the three divisions forming the Football League. In principle that would entitle them to be promoted to the third division.

However, under the league's rules, promotion depended upon Stevenage satisfying certain admission criteria, including requirements relating to ground capacity. which had to be satisfied at the end of December in the previous year. and financial criteria which had to be satisfied in respect of accounts for the current and previous years. Stevenage did not satisfy those

although following completion of works currently in train, they expected to be able to satisfy them before the beginning of the new season in August.

If Stevenage were promoted, the bottom club in the third division. Torquay United, would be relegated. Stevenage challenged the criteria on the ground that they

His Lordship said that it was clear that as between the parties the onus of showing that a restraint was reasonable lay upon the party seeking to impose it.

That was clearly apt for the ordinary contractual situation where the purpose of the restriction was to protect a private commercial interest. But where the restraint was part of a system of control imposed by a body exercising regulatory powers in the public interest, different considerations

Such control might be attacked as "pernicious monopoly" or in more modern language as "aritrary or capricious". But where the system of control itself could be seen as in the public interest, then in his Lordship's view, the onus was on those seeking to challenge it to show that the particular rules under attack were unreasonable in

the narrow sense. In the present case, the distinction between the private and public aspect was important from both parties' point of view. As between Stevenage and the league, viewed as purely private bodies, there was no legal nexus, and nothing unreasonable about the position adopted by the league.

Stevenage was simply an ap-plicant for membership of the ague. The league was a company owned by its member clubs who were themselves private trading

organisations.

The question of justifying the restraint did not arise since it offended no legal principle binding on the league. Nor was Stevenage prevented from its business of

playing football within the Vauxhall Conference or any other group of clubs which was prepared to have it as a member.

However, when one looked at the matter more generally different considerations arose. The league was not simply an independent body. It was an important part of the were in restraint of trade and

elaborate structure established for the control of professional football in the interests of the participants and the public generally. That included the Premier League, the league itself, the conference and

the other groups comprising the so called "pyramid of football". If admission criteria were shown to be arbitrary or capricious in effect, whether because of the way in which they were formulated or in the way in which they were ied, they were, in his Lordship's view, open to challenge. But the onus was on those who made the challenge to establish their

Two elements of the criteria were found to be open to objection on the ground of restraint of trade: (i) the requirement to carry out ground improvements to achieve a capacity of 6,000 before it was known whether the club was going to be able to qualify for promotio and (ii) the imposition of financial criteria on entrance to the third division without any corresponding criteria imposed upon

His Lordship doubted whether those objections were so serious as to justify the terms "arbitrary or capricious". However, the question of discretion was critical and his Lordship was concerned by the issues of delay and prejudice to third parties.

It was said that it would be unreasonable to expect Stevenage to commence expensive legal proceedings until they knew that they had won the competition. That might seem fair from their point of view, but it was not in his Lordship's view fair to all the others involved.

Metaphors such as "level play-ing fields" and "moving the goal-posts" were familiar in legal expositions of principles of fairness, but they were particularly apt in this case.

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It would have been open to Stevenage, together with any other clubs in the Vauxhall Conference who thought they might be af-fected, to challenge the rules at the beginning of the season.

That of course involved the commercial risk that they might not in the end benefit from successful litigation, but the fact that there was such a risk did not make it unreasonable to expect them to have done so.

The advantage would have been that the validity of the criteria could have been tested well before the December deadline and the league and the conference woul have had an opportunity to make alternative arrangements.

Torquay's position was of particular relevance. The change from the league to the conference necessarily affected sponsorship. players' contracts and the planing of the season. It was unfair to them that they should be left in uncertainty until very shortly before the new season.

Features of the league's current arrangements did require reconsideration if they were to resist challenges on restraint of trade principles in the future. The proper forum for that was within the structures established by the Football Association and the other responsible bodies.

Although the court had jurisdiction in an extreme case to set aside such rules, the current criteria were accepted for the 1995-96 season not only by Stevenage itself but by the representative bodies at all levels of the hierarchy, including the association of which Stevenage was a member.

The present challenge had come too late and was therefore Solicitors: Goldsmith Williams,

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Bradley (Inspector of Taxes) v London Electricity pic Before Mr Justice Blackburne [Judgment July 24]

Expenditure incurred by London Electricity plc on the structure of an underground substation in Leicester Square for transforming electricity did not qualify for allowances under section 24 of the viously section 44 of the Finance Act 1971.

A distinction had to be made between the expenditure on the earthing system and equipment installed within the structure, that qualified for the allowances, and that incurred on the construction of the substation itself that formed the premises from which the trade was carried on and thus did not Mr Justice Blackburne so held in

a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr D. A. Shirley) in November 1994 that had upheld in principle London Electricity's claim to capital allowances in respect of the entirety of its expenditure on the provision of the

Mr Michael Furness for the Crown; Mr Peter Whiteman, QC. for London Electricity.

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that interred two metres below the paved surface of Leicester Square was the substation. It was a considerable structure: 12 metres high, 43 me-

tres from east to west and 18 metres from north to south. Electricity passed into it via 132,000 voli cables where it was transformed by three transformers into 11,000 volts. It then passed out of the substation by means of 11,000 volu cables to join the network serving central London.

The appeal raised again the question whether a building or structure was plant for the purposes of the legislation relating to capital allowances. The expen-diture disallowed by the Crown was that on works preparatory to the construction of the substation. including the excavation of the site. and that on the construction of the substation.

London Electricity's primary contention, accepted by the commissioner, was that the whole of the substation, that is, the structure and the equipment within, was a single functioning entity and as such was a single unit of plant for capital allowances purposes.
The Crown, while accepting that

the structure and the equipment housed within it were designed together, contended that the structure of the substation should be viewed as a single structure or building, separate from the equinment within, and that, as such, it functioned not as plant but as the emises from within which London Electricity's trade was

Carried on. The essential question was, as Lord Justice Nourse had put it in Gray v Seymours Garden Centre (Horticulture) (The Times April 7. 1993; [1993] 2 All ER 809), whether what was identified before the commissioner as the structure of the substation, that is, those items identified by the Crown as the oremises", as distinct from the equipment within, which it was common ground constituted plant used in the trade, could reasonably be called apparatus with which the business was carried on as op-

was carried on. The commissioner concluded that it was "more appropriate to describe the structure as apparatus for carrying on the business than as the premises in which the business was conducted ... the substation was designed, con-structed and operated as one. It functioned as one ... it could not

be used for anything else. . . " Clearly the commissioner had in mind the "premises test" articulated by Mr Justice Hoffmann in Wimpy International Ltd Warland ((1988) 61 TC 51, 81-82). But the difficulty about his conclusion was, as Mr Furness

had pointed out, that he had failed to identify what the plant-like function was that the structure as a single entity played in London Electricity's business, other than that of housing the equipment within.

It was not enough to point to particular features of parts of the structure which performed plantlike functions in London Electricity's business, and conclude from those features that it was more appropriate to describing the structure as a whole, rather than

its parts, as apparatus for carrying on the business than as the premises in which the business was carried on. It was necessary to ask, as had

Lord Justice Fox in the Wimpy case (at p97), what the function was of

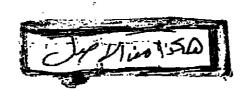
the item in question, in this case the structure as a whole. What did that structure function as? It was the absence of any plantlike function performed by the structure as a whole that distinguished the case from IRC v Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd ([1969]) WLR 675, HL (Sc)) where a dry

dock was held to be plant, and Schofield v R. & H. Hall Ltd ((1974) 49 TC 538, CA (NI)) where a grain silo was held to be plant. The commissioner had failed to ask himself what plant-like function the structure as an entity performed in London Electricity's trading activity. If he had, the true and only reasonable conclusion he could have come to was that the structure functioned as the premises in which the trading

activity was carried on rather than the apparatus with which it was carried on. The structure of the substation was no more plant than the purpose-built kennels in Carr v Sayer (The Times April 15, 1992; (1992) 05 TC 15), the specially designed planteria in Gray v Seymour Garden Centre or the car wash halls in Attwood v Anduff

Car Wash Ltd (The Times December II, 1995; [1996] STC 110). Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Denton Hall,





First Island shines in Sussex Stakes

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

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EVEN the best friends of the identical Hills twins have trouble telling the two jockeys apart, but their contrasting fortunes at Goodwood yesterday were there for all to see after the two principal races of the day.

Having won the Derby and King George this season, Michael can do no wrong and as the gaps appeared at the right time in the Sussex Stakes he came from last on First Island to win the group one prize and so become the first jockey since Lester Piggott in 1977 to complete such an august treble.

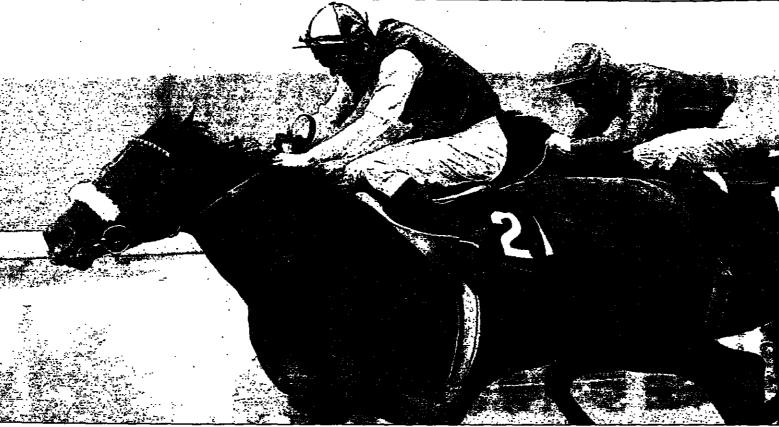
While he enjoyed another bumper pay-day. Richard, his

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BEND WAVY (3.50 Goodwood) Next best: Easycall (2.45 Goodwood)

ounger brother by half an hour, was landed with an unwanted holiday after the stewards took exception to his riding of the strongly fancied Sahm in the Lanson Champagne Stakes and gave him a seven day ban for irresponsible riding. Sahm, who had finished second to the Paul Cole-trained Putra, was

relegated to last. Throughout this meeting a rather too enthusiastic racecourse announcer has deemed it right in between races to regularly promise spectators there were still many "good things" to come. With the first nine favourites at the meeting having been vanquished, most punters would have been happy to find one good thing.



First Island, ridden by Hills, shows a fine turn of foot to beat Charnwood Forest in the group one Sussex Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

but in the Sussex Stakes they clearly believed they had located the increasingly rare specimen in the shape of Charnwood Forest, the fourlength winner of the Queen

Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. The "professional" punters weighed in with the amateurs. One bet of £25,000 to £20,000 was backed up by a handful of £10,000 wagers to force his

price down to evens. However, no amount of cash can make a horse run faster and although favourite backers must have been optimistic as Michael Kinane extricated Charnwood Forest from behind a wall of horses to strike the front inside the final quarter-mile, their hopes were short-lived.

First Island was last entering the home straight but Hills, riding with a confidence gained from championship successes on Shaamit and Pentire, had decided deliberately to follow Kinane and the favourite. As Charnwood Forest made his move, First Island travelled ominously well in his slipstream.

The closing stages were almost a replica of the King George as Hills, again wearing the colours of Mollers Racing, cruised up alongside the leader a furlong out before quickening clear.

The late Eric and Budgie Moller enjoyed their fair share of success as owners, but nothing compared to the triumphs of horses financed by a trust set up to survive them. However, their forethought has contributed to Geoff Wragg enjoying the most successful week in his distin-

guished career - and the glory days are far from over. "He's improving all the time. We will keep him in training next year, and I would not be afraid to run him over 12 miles," Wragg said. In the meantime, the Juddmonte International Stakes at York is

a possibility along with the

Irish Champion Stakes. Some of the best two-yearolds to have made the racecourse this season lined up for the Champagne Stakes and Putra earned quotes ranging from 14-1 to 20-1 for next

season's 2,000 Guineas after showing a good turn of foot to land the spoils. It is difficult to assess the form, given the slow early gallop, along with the trouble encountered by Sahm.

However, Willie Carson, who would have ridden Sahm if he had recovered in time from his bad fall at Newmarket last week, was surprised by his defeat. "I am very disappointed. Before the race I thought that was my 2,000 Guineas horse for next year. Maybe the winner is a very good horse."

Bend Wavy can roll over rivals

GOODWOOD BBC2

2.15: In a race with limited betting appeal. Ela-Yie-Mou looks to have sound each-way prospects. Richard Hughes, who won on Luca Cumani's runner at Nottingham in May, is back on board and it could be worth lorgiving the Kris colt a disappointing run when stepping back in trip at Salisbury last time. Infamous and Jazz King are closely matched on their run behind Arabian Story and should appreciate the extra quarter-mile.

2.45: This is a substandard running of the Richmond Stakes and there could be an upset. Raphane, second to Tipsy Creek in the Norfolk Stakes and subsequent winner of the Curragh Stakes. is the form choice but does not look the easiest of rides. Alan Jarvis is double-handed with Roman Imp and Proud Native, the latter being preferred after winning the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom 54 days ago. Although Easycall needs to improve to win this group two race. Brian Meehan's speedy coli looks up to it after impressive victories at Leicester and Newmarket. Today's extra furlong should hold no ter-

3.20: A strong pace looks likely with the front-running Grey Shot returning to action. A reproduction of the form which saw him run Double Trigger to a head at Ascot back in early May would give Ian Balding's stayer a squeak but he has been a shade disappointing in his two subsequent runs.



Lear White has made the frame in decent group races this year but is far from sure to see out this trip and this could turn into a battle between Kalabo and the progressive Persian Punch. Kalabo, third to Pentire and Classic Cliche in the King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot last year, has looked as good as ever this term when winning at Chester and Newmarket and there is every prospect he will improve over this trip.

ON TELEVISION

3.50: Missile is likely to be a short-priced favourite and while he holds an obvious chance after his runaway success at Newmarket (for which he only has a 71b penalty) the expected odds in an 18-runner handicap justify looking for value elsewhere. Almuhimm, twice a winner of decent seven furlongs handicaps, was denied a clear run in the Bunbury Cup last time and should appreciate today's trip. However, a tendency to start slowly is a worry round here and Bend Wavy is the choice. He won at Beverley with something to spare last month having previously failed to stay here over an extra quarter-mile.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.50 MISSILE (nap). 4.25 Quintellina DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE GO:NG: GOOD TO FIRM

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Dexter's approach resurrected by Acfield committee

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

TED DEXTER could be forgiven a sense of belated vindication yesterday. Three years after his hounding from office and the surreptitious disbanding of his England committee. by counties fearful that their power-base was being eroded, the paramount recommendation of the eagerly-awaited Acfield working party is that the workings of the national team should be governed by a specialist committee.

An 18-page report, the result of four months of consultation and deliberation by a select band comprising two county chairmen, David Acfield and Bob Bennett, two former England captains, Mike Gatting and David Gower, and a coach, Micky Stewart, was released to the counties

It will be debated and voted upon at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting on August 20 and, as ever with the findings of such bodies, there is the inherent danger that they will be thrown out. All too often, the counties have responded to anxiety over the state of the game by commissioning reports and then conveniently ignoring them. If that should happen on this occasion, however, English cricket will deserve derision

The committee under Acfield, chairman both of Essex and the TCCB's cricket committee, worked to a specific brief and part of their problem was a public misconception over the scope of it. The morning after the working party was announced, someone from Radio 4 rang me for an interview and asked if I

was the saviour of English cricket," Actield said. "I burst

out laughing." His mandate did not involve the structure of the domestic game, only the selection, management and coaching of England teams. The primary conclusion was that these functions must be brought under the umbrella of a management committee, with deci-

sion-taking powers. This was the vision shared by Dexter, who chaired an England committee from 1989 until, with a promising infrastructure in place, he was forced out. Ostensibly, he went because of the poor results of the Test team but

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those who hastened his departure were resentful of the increasing power being wielded by his committee.

To some extent, we are going back to the Dexter days," Acfield conceded. "But it is our view that England cricket needs specialists to organise it. The crucial factor in our report is the creation of a management committee. If they accept nothing else, I

hope this is adopted." Acfield, having pointed out that the responsibility for the international side is "fragmented", proposes that a nineman body should handle all such matters, including the appointments of selectors. captain and coach. Tours. believed by the working party to be too long, would also come under the banner of the management committee.

In addition, the report recommends that the England coach should be relieved of selection responsibilities to avoid conflicts of interest and that the chairman of selectors should have absolute power to withdraw England players from county matches. This last proposal is sure to divide the counties, despite the sweetener

of compensation payments. The counties have already turned this down once, preferring an agreement that they would treat any request from the selectors with sympathy." Acfield said. "But as a county chairman myself, I consider that rather nebulous."

The committee focused particularly on the amount of cricket played by leading English players and concluded that it is too much. While resisting, at least for now, the option of contracting Test players individually, the working party stressed that ways must be found of giving top players sufficient periods

To illustrate the point, they compared the workload of key England and Australian players during the 12 months ending on March 31 this year. Michael Atherton was engaged for 241 days, compared to only 135 playing and touring days for his counterpart. Mark Taylor, and while Dominic Cork. England's prime bowler. totalled 239 days. Shane Warne's aggregate was 127. This is a stark revelation. Anyone doubting the need for Acfield's report, or searching

for a plausible reason why

England have fallen behind in

international terms, need look

no further.



In-form Butcher ties up loose ends

By Michael Henderson THE OVAL: Surrey beat Som-

erset by five wickels

IT DID not take Surrey long to complete a comfortable victory, and earn a home semifinal in the NatWest Trophy, against Essex, on August 13. There were seven overs left when Adam Hollioake made the winning run and, for some reason, punched the air with joy. It was the only passionate moment of a perfunctory

Hollicake, who resumed on two, finished with 45. The man-of-the-match award went to Butcher, who was out for 91 when Surrey were 22 runs short of their target. It was an odd dismissal too, stumped off a leg-side wide from Parsons,

but he had done his job admirably, seeing his side through after the loss of those three early wickets on Tues-

Butcher has made 13 scores of more than fifty this season. in all forms of cricket, and must be in the selectors' thoughts for a tour this winter, either to Australia with the A team, or possibly as a junior member of the full team in Zimbabwe and New Zealand. If they are sensible, they will surely look to include a couple

of younger, unproven players. Picking up on 126 for four, needing 100. Butcher and Hollioake swiftly took their partnership to 87 before Turner's smart glovework ended it. Caddick had bowled out his quota by then, ending with the thoroughly good figares of three for 34. He could not have done more to win this game for Somerset, and he too may have something to look forward to before the end of the year.

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BOMUNG: Caddick 12-2-34-3, Pose 12-1-46-0, Trumo 12-2-28-0, Hearture: 5-0-30-0 Lee 8-5-0-48-0; Parsons 2-0-19-1 Man of the match, M.A. Surging Umpires: H.O. Sind and B.L. earth-sale

B C Holloaks, M P Busine: R M Pearson and J E Benjamin did not be:

The result was in keeping with the way these two teams are playing. Surrey approach the final stages of the season in good shape: they are joint leaders of the Britannic Assurance county championship. top of the AXA Equity & Law League, and now find them-

Somerset's last appearance in a final at Lord's was 13 years ago, and their cricket is in need of repair. The club is not in a mess, not yet, but the effective demotion of Bob Cottarn, the club's experienced director of cricket, to second team "gofer" earlier this season, has left a vacuum that has not been properly filled. Such

selves within a game of the NatWest Trophy final.

situations are ideal for intriguers and those who hunger for

month The manager of the month in the Times Interactive Team Cricket competition is John Eaton, of Brentwood, Essex, who recorded the highest

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His team. Eaton Goats 2. comprises: G A Hick, G P Thorpe, A McGrath, A J Hollioake, S G Law, J P henson, K M Krikken, D J Millns, D Gough, A M Smith and M J McCague. The prize comes in two

parts: a Kent & Curwen single-breasted blazer, a Kent & Curwen long-sleeved cricket sweater and an official England T-shirt and sunhat, plus a PACE satellite

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dish and decoder with six months' free subscription to Sky Sports.

this trio is Scoffshire A. entered by P Schofield. which is placed second. The team is: A J Hollioake, G P Thorpe, S G Law, G A Gooch, A McGrath, R C Irani, K M Krikken, D Gough, S J E Brown, J P Taylor and D J Milins.

Semi-final pairing ends Roses dream

By Alan Lee

CROSS-PENNINE dreams of the Roses counties meeting at Lord's for the first time in 59 knockout finals were dashed again yesterday, when the draw for the semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy emulated the Benson and Hedges Cup by pairing Lancashire and Yorkshire. Cruelly, the venue will once more be Old Trafford.

Eight weeks on from the heart-stopping game decided by one wicket, off the final ball. Yorkshire must go back to Fortress Manchester, where their great rivals now boast a record of 16 consecutive victories in knockout ties, stretching back almost a decade.

In the other semi-final, Home Counties rivalries will apply and they need not be more decorous. Surrey have home advantage again for the meeting with Essex and, for once the four quarter-final "seeds" all progressed as expected. None had as tough a game as Lancashire, who had only two runs to spare against Derbyshire but remain on course to repeat their 1990 achievement of winning both

Mike Watkinson, the Lancason to enjoy the draw than his Yorkshire counterpart, David Byas. Watkinson admitted: "We came back from the dead to beat them in the Benson. I hope we get the same result this time but I don't want it to be so close. Byas countered

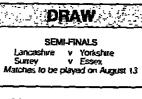




Eaton Goats 2 also leads the main competition which has been dominated by the Eaton Goats teams. Éaton Goats 3 is in third place and Eaton Goats is not far behìnd in lifth. The main challenger to

Lord's finals.

defiantly: "We don't fear Lan-



cashire. I would have preferred the match to be at Headingley but I am still confident." So he should be. Yorkshire

are playing compelling cricket and if they had won the Benson semi-final, as logic dictated they should, they might now be contemplating a tilt at all four trophies. As it is, they still have much to motivate them, not least the prospect that their inspirational Australian, Michael Bevan, should now see out the season. with the probability of Australia's one-day series in Sri Lanka being a victim of terrorist threats. This would also apply to Stuart Law, who made his eleventh century of the season for Essex in their quarter-final win.

Yorkshire moved gently down the Sussex coast from Hove to Eastbourne yesterday and face a critical five days in their quest for the championship and Sunday League titles. The marquees will be up at

Canterbury for the festival week and, unlike last year, when the Kent members lived in well-justified dread of the wooden spoon, they can now daydream of the championship between luncheon courses. Worcestershire are the visitors today, and a chap named Hick may feel he needs a few runs.

Leicestershire will be without their captain. Whitaker, and strike bowler, Millns. against the traditional foe of Northamptonshire at Grace Road. These are untimely intrusions on their title bid but, with Surrey not engaged. victory this week would put them into an enviable position, still with a game in hand on most of the other

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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored

since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by July 29. Overseas players are shown in bold type, Rising Stars in italic. Total Batsmen (001-135)

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Montgomerie swings into sharper routine

feel a little pity for those who have tried unavailingly to beat him. If 90 per cent equals £2.75 million in Europe in the past three years, any

further improvement will leave the

rest scrimmaging for the scraps from the master's table.

his full potential during ten days'

rest, recreation and reflection after

missing the cut in the Open Championship for the fourth time

"If I'm missing cuts in Opens,

then something is going wrong." he

said as he prepared for the Volvo

in the past five years.

Montgomerie came to the con-

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has topped the European Order of Merit for the past three years and is out in front again this season: fact. Montgomerie is second in the world rankings: fact. He has won approaching £6 million worldwide since he turned professional in 1987: educated and prenty accurate guess. And he has done it all without ever playing at more than 90 per cent efficiency: utterly astounding assertion.

It would, however, be wrong to scoff, for the suggestion came yesterday from none other than the

Scandinavian Masters, which starts at the Forsgårdens club 15 man himself.

If true, the initial thought was to miles south of here today. "In my position in golf I should not be

Webster finishes early

PAUL WEBSTER is caddying for his son Shaun in the 66th English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, this week and so far his only problem, apart from having his car broken into, has been the long trek back to the clubhouse from the 12th green (Patricia Davies writes).
The young Webster, 19, is a

former winner of the Doug Sanders world junior championship now studying mostly golf at Cen-tral Alabama Community College - tenpin bowling and first aid have been on his curriculum, but it is mayhem he has been specialising in so far this week, having won his three matches by

Yesterday morning, Webster was eight up at the turn against Steven Done, with the aid of four birdies and an eagle three, at the 6th. Done birdied the 11th to stay in the match but was undone at the next. In the afternoon, Mark Wharton found six birdies in 11 holes too much for him. Hollinwell's greens are lush and slow, hence the birdie barrage.

Mike Reynard, the Worcester champion and runner-up in the British Amateur last year, has had 12 birdies in his 43 holes so far. Gary Wolstenholme, his fellow international, is 11 under for his three rounds but was taken to the last green by Simon Wakefield, from Staffordshire.

doing this sort of thing. So I've decided to do something about it." Montgomerie has never been the most assiduous of practisers, but that golfing philosophy has been consigned to the file marked Colin

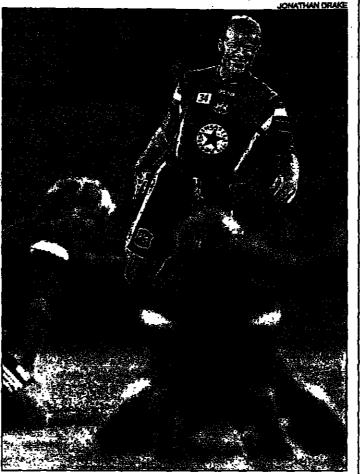
Montgomerie Mark I. Already in the out-tray is Colin clusion that he had never played to his full potential during ten days' he put that right in the winter and continues to cut a slimline figure. Now he intends it to be followed by Colin Montgomerie, Dilatory Practiser. It is the only way, he said, like a man who has seen the light.

"I believe that to stay in my position I've to improve," he said. When I had those few days off after the Open I came to the conclusion that I've been playing at. 90 per cent for too long. My aim now is to give 110 per cent."

A thought entered the mind. If the new-found (over)work ethic has gripped him, would it also improve his demeanour: sometimes in the past he could have scowled for Great Britain. But the question was still-born, pre-empted by Montgomerie broaching the subject himself.

Whether I have shot 65 or 75 I shall go to the practice ground instead of back to the hotel." he said. "If I know that I have tried 100 per cent, I will be more settled in my mind, and my temperament, both on and off the course, will be better as well if I know that what I have given is my best."

Montgomerie has already walked a long way down his road to Damascus this season. This week, as he takes on a powerful field, he will be trusting in the final conversion. We shall see.



Alan Shearer joked with his new Newcastle United team-mates during his first training session on the club's pre-season tour of Singapore. However Shearer, who signed for a world recordbreaking £15 million on Monday, will not make his first appearance on the trip. That is expected to come in the Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wembley on August II. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said: "We are going to Lincoln before that but that's what it looks like at this stage."

Wolverhampton Wanderers have underlined their determination to secure promotion to the FA Carling Premiership by signing Keith Curle, the former England defender, from Manchester City for £650,000. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, has completed the signing of Paul Gerrard, the goalkeeper, from Oldham Athletic for an initial fee of £1 million. Attilio Lombardo, of Juventus, has been given until Saturday to decide on a move to Sheffield Wednesday.

MOTOR RACING

Todt keeps Irvine in driving seat

JEAN TODT, the Ferrari sporting director, is expected to defy growing pressure from the Italian media and re-sign Eddie Irvine as Michael Schumacher's team-mate next season (Oliver Holt writes). Perrari's option on Irvine's services for next year runs out today and an announcement from the team's headquarters in Maranello is expected imminently.

Todt, who has earned the respect

of all those who work with him because of his honesty, objectivity and tireless attempts to drag Ferrari back to the pre-eminent position they once held, has always spoken highly of the Ulsterman's readiness to play a supporting role to the world champion.

After the team was plagued by unreliability in a string of races, the Italian media and factions within Ferrari suggested that Irvine should be replaced next season by their test driver. Nicola Larini, or Giancarlo Fisichella, who has driven for Minardi in several races this

Yet after the German Grand Prix in Hockenheim last weekend, Todt hinted that he was about to confirm Irvine's place in the team for a second year. "It would be unfair to get rid of Eddie," Todt said, "because everyone within the team is happy with him. We are starting to rebuild something here and he is part of it."

Irvine has made no secret of his desire to stay with the team for another year and it is highly unlikely that either Larini or Fisichella could get as close to Schumacher as the Ulsterman has done with such a small amount of Offiah delay is tackled by Broncos

LONDON Broncos rugby league club are hopeful that problems of joint ownership with Bedford rug-by union club, which are holding up the £300,000 transfer of Martin Offiah from Wigan, can be overcome in time for the Great Britain wing to appear in the home match against Warrington on Sunday (Christopher Irvine writes).

Wigan have received their cheque from London but it is Bedford's majority stake in the deal and the possibility of them having first option on the player that has caused the delay. Offiah has signed a loyalty contract to the Super League but he could miss part of next season because of commitments with Bedford. Alan McColm, Offiah's agent, said: "It's a matter of ensuring both codes, as well as Martin, are happy."

POLO: CS Brooks beat Metropolitan 9-5 in their 18-goal Cowdray Park Challenge Cup semi-final at Brooksfield in Ambersham, West Sussex, yesterday. CS Brooks were 6-I ahead at treading-in time. but Metropolitan rallied in the last two chukkas with some fine goals from Howard Hipwood and his No 2, Tommy Wilson.

C S BROOKS: 1, J Fisher (1); 2, J Daniels (5); 3, & Heguy (10); Back, M Rutherford (1) METROPOLITAN: 1, P Webb (4); 2, T Wilson (5); 3, H Hipwood (8); Back, P Castle (0).

RUGBY UNION: Neath, the Heineken League champions, aggrieved at the withdrawal by Bath and Leicester from the proposed Anglo-Welsh meetings at the end of this month, have suggested an all-Welsh encounter with the curp holders, Pontypridd, on Septem-

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Saattle 5 Milwauker 5 filest carnel: Milwaukee 4 Saattle : AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 5 Milweukee 5 (Irst. garnet): Milwaukee 4 Saantle 3 (second game); Toronto 3 (Seveland 1; Detroit 12: California 9; Kansas City 7 Roston 0; Baltimore 16 Minnesota 4; Texas 15 New York 2; Chicago 2 Oeldand 1. NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 5 Pitsburgh 4 (first game); New York 4 Pitsburgh 3 (12 mnings) (second game); Cincarnet 5 Houston 4 (10 mnings); Montreal 3 Colorado 1: Philadelphie 8 St Louis 7; Chicago 4 San Francisco 0; San Diego 2 Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 5 Florida 4 (10 mnings).

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second SELOND XI CHAMPONSTRY (second cay of times): Clevedor: Somerste 233 (S Trago 72); Surrey 304-5 (A W Smith 114 not out, G J Kennis 86). Ribworth: Durtam 278 and 9-0; Leicestershite 171-1 dec (G I Macmillen 105 not out, I J Subditle 58 not out, I J out). Crosby: Middleser 300-9 dec (J C Harrison 7) and 21-2; Lancastire 203-5 dec. (N T Wood 73). Stimplourner: Glemongan 257; (A W Evans 85; D A Scott 5-23) and 47-2; Kent 250-9 dec (M J Weller 95). Marsice-by-the-Sez: Yorkshire 251-8 dec (F Robinson 101; R A Ketieborough 71; M Dilon 4-81) and 24-0. Hempeline 196-5 dec (W S Kendal 58 not out), King's School, Gloucestershire 258-7 dec (M J Cawdron 94 not out), Mioseley: Werwickshire 227 (M J Powell 108). Wornestershire 190-7 (D B D'Okveirs 50 not out), Colonaster; Northerspünshire 333 (M B Loye 16, T C Walton 79, A Cole 4-68) and 133-3 (M B Loye 65). Essex 245 (S D Petars 71, M Davies 4-55) MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP) MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP Longton: Heritordshire 147 and 167 (C N Spinks 57). Staffordshire 210-7 and 105-3 Staffordshire won by seven wickets. Dor-Sprike 57). Staffordshire 210-7 and 105-3 staffordshire won by seven wickets. Donatestist. Porset 121 (N D Peel 5-42, A J Murphy 4-20), Cheshire 222-4 (J D Bean 88, R G Hignett 52 not out). Resetting Co: Devon 253-8 (N A Folland 71, P M Roebuck 62): Berkshire 60-5. Lakenham: Norfolk 62): Berkshire 60-5. Lakenham: Norfolk 625-2 (T J Boon 116 not out); Northumberland 100 (M W Thomas 5-6) and 22-1. Deles, Lionninster. Commal 167-9 (J P Kent 81; K E Cooper 5-51). Harrshordshire 160-1 (Ri G R Barlow 83 not out, S M Brogan 59 not out).

190-1 (R.G.R. Barlow 63 not out, 5 M Errogan 59 not out).

WOMEN'S CRICKET ASSOCIATION AREA CHAMPIONSHEP: Standings (after two days): First division: 1. Yorkshire 83½: 2. Surray 88; 3, West McGands 83½: 4, East Anglia 35; 5, The West 29½: 6, East McGands 24½. Second division: 1, Kert 77; 2, Tharmas Valley 57; 3, Middleex 50½; 4 equal; Sussex and Yorkshire II 35; 5, Lancastere and Chesinire 34

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Kettering 1 Lincoth 1; Newcastle Town
0 Pott Vale 4; Salsbury 0 Cardiff 0; Sharmock
Rovers 3 Crows 1: Workingtown 1 Oxford
United 3: Hilichen 0 Luton 0; Bromley 4
Arsenal X1 2; Brechin 0 Dundee United 1;
Bromsgrow 1 Doncaster 1; St Alberts 0
Coventry 2; Ayr 0 Rath 4; Barnel 1 Quiens
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MINOR COUNTES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of No): Lakenhem: Noriolk v Cambridgeshire

PRE-SEASON MATCHES (7:30 unless stated): Brey Wanderers v St. Johnstone: Woking v Cartiff (7:45); Cheimstord v Southend; Consett v Cartisle (7:0); Hom-church v Cambridge Utic; Northwich v Menchester Utid Xt; St Albens v Chelsea XI

OTHER SPORT GOLF: English Ameteur Championship (at Hollinwell): J and B Scottish Ameteur Championship (Dunber).

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(Kidderminster) 2 and 1; C Richardson (Burghley Park) bt MT Seaton (Gog Magog) 1 hole. Third round: Reynard bt Gibson 5 and 4; Fullhord bt Smith 2 holes; Snowdan bt Smith 2 and 1; Saswart bt Tate 2 and 1; Lucas bt Walnwight af 19th; Ferrie bt Ridewood 2 and 1; Soless bt Impely 5 and 4; Mansell bt Ferrann 2 and 1; Wolsterminoline bt Walsefield 2 holes; I Richardson (Burghley Park) bt Michabota 1 hole; Evens bt Le Mesurier 1 hole; Watcham bt McCarthy 5 and 4; Kealing bt Barning 6 and 4; Donald bt Dyson 3 and 2; Griggs bt Cox 5 and 4; Potunder bt Toora 2 and 1.

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DUNBAR: J & B Scottish ameteur crismpionship: First round: Second round: D Balternyne (Selfuri, bt S Tatters (Elgri) 3 and 1;
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A Cooper (Taymouth Castle) bi G Campbell (Ardrie) 4 and 3; S Mackensie (West Linton) bi M Campbell (Duddingston) 3 and 2; C Kelly (SI Andrews New) bi M Thomson (Torwoodlee) 4 and 3; R Craig (Merchants of Edinburgh) bit S Fraser (Callander) 4 and 3;

Edinburghi) bit S Fraser (Callian der) 4 and 3; H Welfer (Gulliane) bit K Nicholson (Haddington) 4 and 3; B Smah (Hamsburi) bit N Macdonald (Muchant) 5 and 4: B Howard (Cochrene Castle) bit S Jamieson (Kyles of Bate) 3 and 2: G Davidson (Lampholm) bit S Whiteford (Lundin) 3 and 2: F Beil (Portpetch Dunskey) bit B Pathly (Hollenchushi) 1 hole; D Roberson (Dunbar) bit R Brechm (Murcar) 2 holes; A Nichol (Bewack) bit D Senifas (Boyal Mussalburghi) B and 7; J Hughes (Cardinss) I to C Berrotman (Glasgow) 1 hrole: P McKechnie (Hayston) bit K Medi (Glenburgh) 4 and 3; M Brooks (Cardins) bit E Lindssay (Blasgowne) 4 and 3; Gray (Hayston) bit I Reid (Dundries and County) 4 and 3; M MacAldey (Lociglichead) bit E Lindssay (Blasgowne) 4 and 3; Gray (Hayston) bit I Reid (Dundries and County) 4 and 3; M MacAldey (Lociglichead) bit E Lindssay (Blasgowne) 4 and 3; Gray (Hayston) bit I Reid (Dundries and County) 4 and 3; M MacAldey (Lociglichead) bit B Lindssay (Blasgowne) 4 and 3; Gray (Hayston) bit I Reid (Dundries and Kynthelmon (Montheth) bit A Lamond (Hagge Castle) 3 and 1; A Forsyth (Reiston) bit L Gray (Dunbar) 5 and 4; R Bein (LUAE) bit J Che (Glenberve) 8 and 5; R Jenitors (Crow Wood) bit J Blanch (St Antones New) 5 and 3; N Shillinglaw (Glanconse) bit I Proce (Dunbar) 5 and 4; B Scott (LOR) bit J Huggen (Dunbar) 5 and 4; B Scott (Lor) bit J Huggen (Dunbar) 5 and 4; B Scott (Lor) bit J K Machalder (Hollen Park) bit J Kalder (Hollen Park) bit J Huggen (Dunbar) 5 and 4; P Lamb (Riggers) 2 notes; C Paterson (Reay) bit J Huggen (Dunbar) 1 hole; G Montheth (Blasgowne) bit S Cray (Lunchy) 3 and 2; C Cellor (Reithewshire) bit A Sm (New Kohide) bit A Junior (Royal Domoch) 4 and 3; P Lamb (Glanconse) bit D Owens (Glancolm) 3 and 2; C Ellor (Reithewshire) 5 and 4; P Camhingham (Downfield) bit G Ewert (Eastwood) 7 and 8; C Machalder (Waston) (East Rentrewshire) bit S Waber (Wast Khrison) 4 and 3; R Hambon (Laridoson) 1 hole; G Mother (Pathon) 4 and 3; G Lawre (Prestwict) 1 hole; G Mother (Cardinson) 1 hole; G Mother (Pathon) 4 an

Paris bt A Macphell (Ratho Paris) 3 and 2. ASHBURNH-AM: Welsh ameteur champ-lonship: Lexdern after first qualifying round; 71: S Raybould (Pontyprido), 72: Pildington (Neven), Y Taylor (Bynnhill), C Rees (Ashburnum), 73: M Calvett (Copt Heath), M Dis (Wrednam), N Exhants (Whitchurch), L Harpin (North Wales), 74: Genten (Brecon), D Paris (Burghill Valley), A Harrby (Llanwart), A Delves (Padeswood and Buckey).

and Buckley).

MONMOUTH: Weish girls championship:
Leading qualifiers: 71: K Stark (Byrthal).
72: B Brewiston (Abergele and Persam)
80: L Ancher (Fellord). C Deeley (Fenby).
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(Ashburnham). 82: H Mountiord Pyle and
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(Padeswood and Buckley). J Shawe
(Brunham).

PREMIER LEAGUE: Landon 68 Sheffield

TENNIS AMSTERDAM: Men's tournement: First round: M Ross (Chite) bi S Noszaly (Hun) 7-5, 6-2; B Lithrach (C2) bi S Schelken (Hoff) 7-5, 4-6, 6-0.

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Archery Men's individual

Men's individual SECOND ROUND: hiseh Sheng-Seng (Taiwan br T Metsuchbe (Jepan) 167-158; J Huish (LIS) br G Hardinger (SIS) 168-155; S Médved (Stovenis) by J Leponen (Fin) on tebreas; at 161-161; P Vermalizer (Bell br R White (US) 159-168; J Anchondo (Med) br V Chilarev (Med) 155-158; J Anchondo (Sis (Fr) br H Yamamoto (Jepan) 164-163; Kyo-Moon Oh (SKor) br P Symrcis (Pol) 168-154; B Grov (Nor) bt Tang Has (China) 161-169; M Bisteri (Si br) br A Parenti (t) 183-162; M Petersson (Sive) bt A Parenti (t) 187-185; Kim Bo-ram (Si Kor) br M Lansson (Sive) 168-160; Jeng Yong-ho (Si Kor) br K Harton (En) 168-163; Jang Yong-ho (Si Kor) br K Harton (En) 168-157; S Zisbrodsky (Usr) bt T Tuovia (Fin) 163-164; M Frangill (h) br L Chhangte (India) 164-158.

Badminton Men's singles

SEMI-PINALS: Jiong Dong (China) bt R Sidek (Malay) 15-8, 18-16; P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt H Arbi (Indo) 15-11, 15-8. Men's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: S Antonius and D Karlano (Indo) bit Soo Bang Klang and Tar Kim Har (Malay) 15-4, 12-15, 15-8. Women's doubles BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Oin Yayuan and Tang Yongshu (China) bit N Kirkegaard and R Olsen (Den) 7-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Mixed doubles SEME-FINALS: Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young-An (S Kor) bi Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingyong (China) 15-6, 15-6; Park Joo-borng and Man Re Kyung (S Kor) bi Liu Jienjun and Sun Man (China) 15-10, 15-4.

Baseball Round-robin

United States 17 Holland 1; Japan 12 Italy 1 Australia 11 South Korea 8.

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Yugoslavia 128 China 61. Austr 71; United States 98, Brazii 75.

Boxing Light-flyweight QUAFTER-FINALS: D Kinjulchin (Ulio) bi A Guardado (US) pis; D Bolitov (Bul) bi S Namaing (Thai) pis; M Valasco (Phai) bi H Berhili (Nor) pis; R Lozano (Sp) bi L Lapaini (Indo) pis

Bantamweight CULARTER-FINALS: A Mess (Cubs) bt R Bousts (Fr) pts; R Messiribelov (Rus) bt D Jampen (Mong) pts; V Khedpo (Thai) bt H Netf (Mor) pts; I Kovacs (Hun) bt C Otsarru (Florri) pts.

Lightweight CULARTER-FINALS: T Tontichev (Bull) by M Strange (Can) pits; T Caurhen (US) bit V Phongati (Thai) pits; H Soltani (Alig) bit Shin Sco-yung (S Kor) pits; L Daroftei (Rom) bit K Gogóladze (Georgia) pits Welterweight

CILIARTISR-FINALS; J Hernandez (Cube) bt N Smanov (Kez) pts; M Simson (Rom) bt H Ai (Den) pts; D Santos (P Rucs) bt N Atayev (Azb) pts; O Saitov (Rus) bt K Chater (Tun) pts. Middleweight

CLIAFITER-FINALS: M. Baheri (Alg) bit B. Magee (ire) pts; M. Beyleroglu (Tur) bit T. Borosetti (Pol) pts; R. Walles (US) bit D. Yarbetsov (Uzb) decision; A. Hernandez (Cube) bit A. Lebgiek (Plus) pts. Heavyweight CUARTER-FINALS: N Jones (US) bt Tao Jeng (China) pts; D Defegbon (Can) bt C Mendy IF) dog 1st mt; L Krasnig (Ger) bt S Dychlov (Balo) pts; F Savon (Cube) bt G Kandelaki (Georgia) 20-4.

Canoeing (sprint) Men's 1,000m kayak singles

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4:06.55; 5, H Heite (£2) 4:05.87; 8, 5 Germat
(Car) 4, 68 74; 7, M Edoulsou (V C) 444.15,
Heat two; 1, R Erban (Stoetica) 4:01.31; 2, M
Harbold (18) 4:05.22; 3, J Gental (Fod
4:05.67; 4, V Tereshotensko (Un) 4:06.88; 5, 1
Kranz; (Swe) 4:10.05; 6, A Satisyan (Kaz)
4:10.63; 7, I Krayov (12b) 4:12.10. Men's 1,000m kayak pairs

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Indiand 3:40.69; 7, China 3:41.18; 8, Uzbek-stan 3:43.32. Heat two: 1, Linipad States (J
Hooney and P Newton) 3:34.42; 2, Sovelta,
3:34.43; 3, Passas 3:35.20; 4, Spain 3:36.28;
5, Pottigal 3:35.42; 6, Belgium 3:49.7; 7,
Kyrgyszian 3:44.20.

Custification, conditions for heads Qualification conditions for heats appeared incorrectly in some editions yesterday. They should have read: Men's 1,000m C1, C2 and K1 and women's 500m K4, first two in each heat to final, remainder to semi-finals.

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G-R Dehle (Nor) 1:53:50; 5, E Vink (No) 1:54:38; 6, A Stroppero (II) 1:55:58; 7, R Manurde (Ger) 1:57:21; 8, K Lynch (N2) 1:57:40; 9, E Orneove-Lose (Storakia) 1:57:53; 10, J Furzacio (US) 1:55:52; 11, L Leboucher (Fr) 1:59:70; 12, D Gesmann (Switz) 1:51:11; 13, L Tominson (Carl) 2:01:04; 14, A Yapidanose (Pue) 2:01:35; 22, D Murrall (GB) 2:04:44.

Football Men's semi-final Argentina 2 Portugai 0

Handball Women's preliminary round POOL A: Denmark 27 Hungary 22; China 31 United States 21.

POOL B: Germany 27 Angole 12: South Kores 25 Norwey 21 Hockey Women's round-robin

Great Britain 5 Argentina 0; South Kores 1 Germany 0; United States 2 Spein 0; Australia 4 Holland 0.

Prinal table

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C Bockner (Gar) 251 31; 6, M Moses (US)
279,75; 7, 1 Vegoszons (Isra; 276 45; 8, 1
Leshito (Rus) 271 92; 9, J Keim (US) 270 48;
10, I Pissareve (Isr) 259,45; 11, V Motobuchi
(Japan) 252 71; 12, M Akala (Marc) 257.01;
13, M Romero (Mar) 252,94; 14, S Alexareve
(Balo) 246 27; 15, J Rogens (Aus; 242-75; 16,
S Koch (Gar) 239,91; 17, A Peletier (Can)
238.58; 18, E Memova (Kaz) 236.50.

Modern pentathlon PMAL POSITIONS: 1. A Parygin (Kaz) 5,551;pts; 2. E Zenovica (Rus) 5,530; 3. J Martinek (Pun) 5,501; 4. D Seditorekly (Rus) 5,485; 5. I Warehide (Pol) 5,452; 8. A Hambey (Fun) 5,455; 7. I Telemann (Est) 5,414; 8. C Toratico (I) 5,402; 9. S Salatzar (Med 5,367; 10, PO Danlebsson (Swe) 5,375; 18. R Phelps (GB) 5,265.

Softball BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: China 4 Australia 2 (Australia ván bronze, China advance to

FINAL: United States 3 China 1. Team technical routine

Synchronised swimming 1, United States 99 200pts; 2, Canada 97 933; 3, Japan 97 867; 4, Russia 97,000; 5, France 95 600; 8, China 94.600

Table tennis

Men's singles
CUARTER-FINALS: Lu Guollang (Chine) bt J
Huang (Car) 9-21, 21-19, 21-16, 21-16; J
Rosslopi (Ger) bt Kim Taet-soo (S Kor)
12-21, 25-24, 21-12, 18-21, 28-24; P Korbal
(Ca) bt J-44 Selve (Bel) 21-10, 21-13, 21-19;
Wang Tao (Chine) bt V Samsonov (Belo)
16-21, 16-21, 21-10, 21-15, 21-15.

Men's doubles BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Lie Chul-soung and Yoo Nam-lyu (S.Kor) bt S. Feizner and J. Rosskopt (Ger). 21-18, 21-13, 22-20.

PRIAL: Liu Guotang and Kong Lingtui (Chana) bi Wang Tao and Lu Lin (Chana) 21-8, 13-21, 21-19, 21-11 Women's singles SEME-FINALS: Chen Jing (Taken) bt Olso Hong (China) 21-9, 23-21, 21-17; Deng Yaping (China) 21-10, Uku Wei (China) 21-23, 21-17, 21-19, 21-9

Tennis Men's sincles

QUARTER-FINALS: L Pass (India) bt P Furiar (It) 6-1, 7-5; A Agassi (US) bt W Ferraira (SA) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; F Meligeni (Br) bt A Othovaldy (Flus) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3 Women's doubles CUAFITER-FINALS: C Martinez and A Sain chez Vicario (Sp) bit B Sangaram and T Tanssugem (Thai) 6-2, 6-1; M Bollegral and E Schulz-McCarthy (Hol) ti M Hingis and F Schnydder (Switz) 6-4, 8-3.

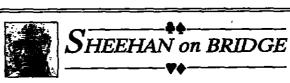
Volleyball Women's quarter-finals China bt Germany 15-12, 15-8, 15-8; Russia bt Holland 10-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-10; Cube bt United States 15-1, 15-10, 15-12; Brazil bt South Korse 15-4, 16-2, 15-10.

Over 108kg 1, A Chantesidn (Rus; sretich 197.5kg, clean and jenk 250.0 — world record) 457.5; 2, R Weller (Ger; 200.0, 255.0) 455.0; 3, S Bolav Jaus; 200.0, 250.0; 450.0; 4, Tas-Hyun Kim (S Kor; 190.0, 247.5) 437.5; 5, A Kurlovich (Belo; 195.0, 230.0) 425.0; 8, M Nerlinger (Ger; 185.0, 237.5) 422.5.

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER TEN RACES: 1, Ukraine 31pts, 2, Great Britain (J Merticks

PNAL POSITIONS: 1, Spain (J L Ballesta and F Laon) Styte; 2, Australia (M Booth and A Landenberger) 42: 3, Brazi (L Genel and K Pelicano) 43: 4, Austria 44; 5, Italy 44; 6, France 45; 13, Great Britsen (D Williams and I Princes 45; 7.

Women's 470 LEADING POSITIONS AFTER TEN RACES: 1, Spain 24pts; 2, Japan 25; 3, Ukrama 35; 11, Graet Britain (S Carr and B Reggatt) 74; 12 Ireland (L Cole and D Lytte) 79:00



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Whether to outbid the opponents at the two and three level is a frequent and important decision. A good rule of thumb is that you should compete to the level of your fit - that is, if you have an eight-card fit don't contract for more than eight tricks, but go to the three level if you have a nine-card fit. I gave my Austrian opponent an easy ride on this hand from the EU Championships in April, by not observing that principle.

North-South game

♦KJ108 ₹Q3 ♦ K Q 10 4 **eA974 ₹7654** WE **VAK109**2 +A87 . **S ±1063 #**J9 4Q52 ₹83 +952 +KQ842

I was East. Senior and I play four-card majors, so his raise to Two Hearts was likely to show four-card support. As East-West have at least nine hearts between them it is right to compete at the three level. So when North doubled Two Hearts I should have bid Three Hearts immediately. That is purely competitive, and not inviting my partner to go on — over the double I had five ways to make a game try - all bids between Two Spades and Three Diamonds.

plus redouble. While Three Hearts looks

wrong on an unproductive

a. A foot

b. A dancing-floor

RATTENING DULCARNON a. Hessian lining a. Sweetbreads b. Part of the rigging b. A troubador c. Stealing tools c A dilemma COLLIBERTS a. River gypsies CHORIAMB b. New boys at Christ's

Contract: Three Clubs by South, Lead: six of hearts 2-5-3-3 shape, it is quite safe. The good hearts mean that the opponents are unlikely to be able to double. And the real

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gain is in putting pressure on South. Here he might have been tempted to go to Four Clubs, which is off in top tricks. As the auction went he didn't have a chance of doing the wrong thing. Finally note that backing in with Three Hearts is less effective bidding straightaway is best.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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c. Offal

By Philip Howard

Answers on page 42

34 Rá7

36 Re7 37 Rxe5

have this pawn and, the weakness in front of his king proves too great. How did White continue?

Weightlifting

Yachting

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Novgorod The elite sournament in Novgorod continues to produce good fighting chess. After eight rounds, scores are as follows: Topalov 5: Short.
Polgar and Ivanchuk ali 4. Kramnik and Gelfand 32.

White: Judith Polgar Novgorod, July 1996 Sicilian Defence

2 Nf3 3 d4 5 Nc3 Nc6 7 Nb3 12 Bg3 13 exd5 Bxd5 Nixce 21 Rd3 hvg4 Bg5+ Bh4 Bvg3 a5 23 Rd7 26 Rc7 Kg6 e5 Red8 30 Rd7 Rxd8 Kg5 Kxg4 Kxg3 Kt4

Kd2 Rfi Kf2 Rxg2+ 48 Kd3 Rd8+ 52 a6 Rd6+ Rd7+ 54 Kb8 55 Ka5 Rd7 56 c4 57 b6 Rdt

Karpov leads

After eight of the eleven rounds in the international tournament in Biel, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion, has advanced to share the lead on 52 points with Jaan Ehlvest, the Estonian grandmaster. In the eighth round, Tony Miles, Britain's representative grandmaster, improved his prospects by defeating Vladi-mir Tukmakov, the Ukrainian grandmaster. Nevertheless, Miles still shares last place on 24 points with Oleg Romanishin, the Ukrainjan grandmaster.

British Championship

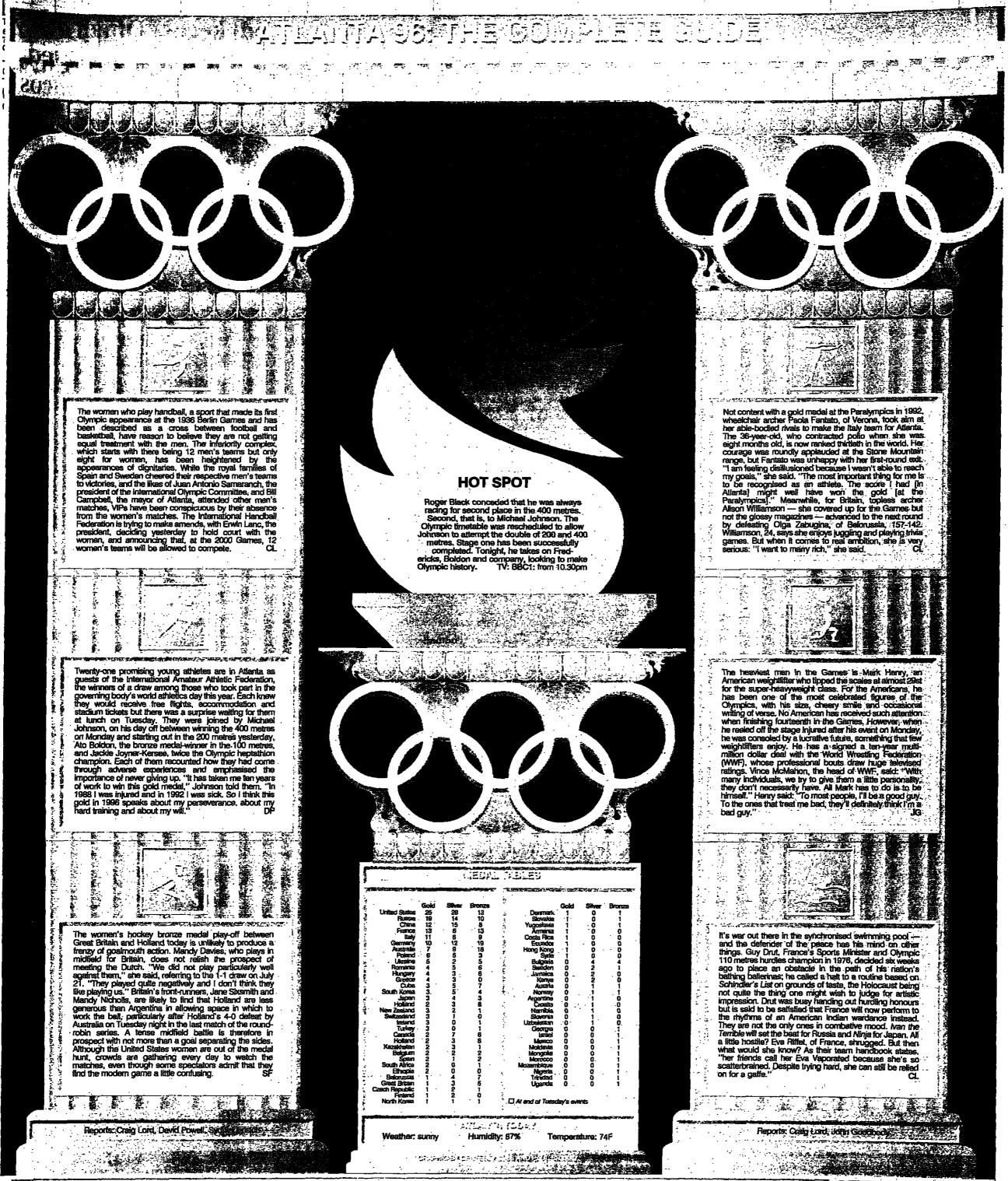
The British Chess Championships start next week in Nottingham, running from August 4 to 17 at the East Midlands Conference Centre. University of Nottingham. So far, 700 entries have been received and those still wishing to enter in junior, veteran or open sections can contact the British Chess Federation on 01424 442500. Matthew Sadler, the grandmaster from Chatham, will be defending

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the Game Goldstein - Tomilin, Tashkent 1965. It is a useful rule of thumb that, of the three pawns protecting a kingside castled position, the g-pawn is the most valuable. Here Black does not

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TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

ARCHERY: Men's individual, third round (14.00), quarter-finals, serni-finals and final (19.00). ATHLETICS: Men: Decathlon, 110m hurdles (14.00); decathlon, discus (15.00 and 16.30); decathlon, pole vault (19.00); decathlon, javelin (22.30 and 23.45); 200m, semi-finals (23.10); 1,500m, semi-finals (23.55); 400m hurdles, final (00.25); 200m, final (01.00); 5,000m, semi-finals (01.15); decathlon, 1,500m (final event, 02.05). Women: High jump, qualifying (14.30); long jump (15.05); 200m, semi-finals (22.50); 1,500m, semi-finals (23.30); 200m, final (00.45).

BADMINTON: Men's and women's singles, finals; mixed doubles, final (all 14.00).

BASEBALL: Semi-finals (19.00 and 00.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's classification matches (15.00); women's classification matches (20.00); men's semi-finals (01.00 and 03.00).

BOXING: Semi-finals: Light-flyweight, bantamweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, heavyweight (01,00).

CANOEING: Semi-finals: Men's 1,000m K1 (14.00); men's 1,000m C1 (14.30); women's 500m K4 (14.50); men's 1,000m K2 (15.10); men's 1,000m K2 (15.50).

CYCLING: Individual time-trials: Men (13.30) and women (17.45).

DIVING: Men's platform, preliminaries (01.00). EQUESTRIANISM: Team showjumping (13.30 and 19.00 — final round). FOOTBALL: Women's bronze medal match (23.00) and final (01.30).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic preliminaries (15.00); group rhythmic preliminaries (20.00).

HANDBALL: Women's play-offs (15.00 and 17.00) and sami-finals (19.30 and 21.30). HOCKEY: Men's play-offs (13.30 and 16.00); women's bronze medal match (22.00) and final (00.30).

TABLE TENNIS: Men's singles, bronze medal match and final (21.30).

TENNIS: Men's singles, serni-finals (16.00); women's doubles, bronze medal match (20.00); men's doubles, bronze medal match (22.00).

VOLLEYBALL: Men's classification matches (13.00); women's play-offs (18.30) and semi-finals (00.30).

WRESTLING: Freestyle: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg, preliminaries (14.30) and classification matches

yachting: Soling match races; men's and women's 470, final races (all 18,00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

7.0-9.0am Olympic Breakfast, 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 7.0-8.30pm Essential Olympics, 10.30pm-4.25em Olympic Grandstand,

BBC2

8.30-10.30pm Olympic Grandstand, 12.30-4.55am Olympic Grandstand.

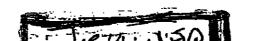
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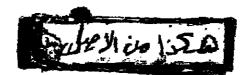


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Bronze for confident Sciandri in cycling marathon

FROM PETER BRYAN

MAX SCIANDRI won a bronze medal for Great Britain in the men's cycling road race yesterday, finishing be-hind Pascal Richard, of Switzerland, and Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, on a demanding circuit around Buckhead, a leafy suburb north of Atlanta.

The Derby-born rider, who was brought up in Italy, qualified to ride for Britain only last year having never been selected for Italy at international level. He is the first British rider to win a medal in the 137-mile road race since Alan Jackson at Melbourne in 1956.

Sciandri. 29, a stage-winner on the Tour de France last year, rode in determined style, always ready to renew attacks whenever he failed to consolidate an advantage.

On the run-in to the finish, he stepped up the pace and for a moment the gold medal appeared to be within his grasp. As the three leaders ended the last 200 metres, Sciandri switched to the right, catching Richard and Sorensen momentarily off-guard, and was able to open a gap of three lengths. His rivals reacted quickly, however, and Sorensen went ahead but just failed to hold off Richard on

Sciandri, who retired on the eleventh stage of the Tour de France this year because of inflammation behind his left knee, was unable to react to the final thrust and sat up in the saddle over the last 50

"Maybe I went a little too early," he said, "but if I had not done that, I wouldn't have had a chance of winning the

"I didn't want to wait to get to the front because in this race it leaves too much to chance. I have felt very good, very strong all the time I have been in Atlanta. I felt this race could go well for me."

Brian Smith, a former British road racing champion who is now based in the United States, was active in the earlier stages but like his team colleagues, Malcolm Elliott and John Tanner, eventu- earlier left him in eighteenth ally found the pace too fast. | position overall even though

OLYMPIC GAMES: MODERN PENTATHLON BENEFITS FROM NEW FORMAT

Zenovka's fall provides vital lift

IN ATLANTA

MONEY could not buy the publicity given to modern pentathion by the unfortunate Eduards Zenovka, of Russia. In the most dramatic moment of the Games so far, other than the winning gymnastic vault by a clearly infirm Kerri Strug, of the United States. Zenovka stumbled and fell within ten yards of a gold medal at the end of the cross country discipline. NBC Television was running live for this million-dollar tumble.

The cross country climax of a 12-hour day of competition gave invaulable momentum to the sport's campaign to retain its place on the Olympic programme. For the first time



the five disciplines — shooting, fencing, swimming, showjumping and cross country were compressed into one day of competition.

Seven International Olym-

pic Committee (IOC) members, including Juan Antonio Samaranch, were present to witness the fascination of one of the most traditional events that has now been radically reorganised. Daniel Masala, of Italy, champion of 1984 in Los Angeles, where Richard Phelps, of Britain, was fourth, now works for his national federation. "The one-day schedule is excellent for spectators and for television."
Masala said. "Certainly, it puts great stress on the competitors but it is the same for

Samaranch was particularly impressed with the quality of the equestrian section. Phelps was one of only three riders to have a clear round. Poor shooting and fencing



Zenovka's fall in the cross country gives Parygin a chance to seize the gold medal

he had the fourth fastest cross country time. Modern pentathlon has no shelter for single errors.

Klaus Schorman, of Germany, president of the Pentathlon Union, is optimistic that the sport has given itself a shot in the arm with the successful staging of this one-day competition, even though there were further wretched administrative blunders by ACOG, the Games organisers, in transport for compeniors between sand ticket holders were un-

disciplines and inaccurate information given to ticket-holders. "Each sport was excellently run," Schorman said. "And we are very pleased with the outcome."

Gilbert Felli, the IOC director of sports, is confident for the future. The one-day form is very good," he said.
Though it is obvious now that the event in future must be staged at one venue."

On Tuesday, several thou-

able to reach the International Horse Park for the final two disciplines, riding and running, because of security roadblocks five miles away, with no shuttle bus facility provided at the car parks.

Most of them, understandably, refused to walk and because of inaccurate information sheets many spectators for the shooting discipline went to the wrong venue, that for the main shooting competition, instead of the range that same venue as the fencing.
Some between-events facilities for the competitors were grossly inadequate. One bus between the swimming and riding venues had no air conditioning for the weary competitors, despite the temperatures of 90 degrees, and, upon arrival at the International Horse Park, they discovered that the only shelter when waiting to enter the jumping arena was beneath

Fate seems ominously to hover over Zenovka. In 1992 he had taken the bronze medal, luckily, when falling several times from his horse in what was then the last event. The following year, he was charged with drunken driving

Tuesday's results Simon Barnes .. Bryant's Eye

in a car crash in which Oksana Kostina, the world champion at rhythmic gymnastics, was killed.

At the end of four events, Zenovka was lying sixth, with a 45 second margin in the staggered starts behind the leader, Cesere Toraldo, of Italy the world championship bronze medal-winner last year. Fifteen seconds or so behind Toraldo on the starting line came Aleksandr Parygin, of Kazakhstan, and Janos Martinek, of Hungary, the 1988 champion. On the second kilometre lap of the four lap course, Martinek and Parygin went past Toraldo with Zenovka closing behind them.

Into the stadium for the start of the last lap, Zenovka was in front, shadowed by Parygin with Martinek 20 yards astern. As they reentered the stadium for a final half-circuit of the track. Zenovka and Parygin were a stride apart. Parygin threw up his arms with 100 yards to go as if to accept defeat.

Approaching the line, Zenovka slowed with exhaustion and, as he looked over his shoulder one side. Parygin surged past him on the other. Vainly Zenovka tried to accelerate, lunging toward the line, but in doing so tripped. The gold medal was Parygin's, competing in his first Games. Zenovka managed to stagger medal.

Twelfth night with only one good act

rest day for the Atlanta ath-letes and an early night for us back home. Not out of choice, you understand. The body was willing, it was the television schedules that were weak. Even Des Lynam did not look like his heart was in

Don't get me wrong. I was as relieved as the next man to discover that Tony Gubba had survived the rigours of clay pigeon shooting, but Olympic football? Nobody watches Olympic football. Not long after midnight I came to the conclusion that I would be preserving my energies for another day.

Not that the evening had been a total washout. Right from the start of the Games, David Vine has been having all sorts of fun with what has turned out to be a cracking weightlifting competition. On Tuesday night, it reached its climax with the super-heavyweights or, as Des put it, "the really big boys." He was not

The battle between Ronny Weller and Andrei Chemerkin, both for gold and the world record, turned out to be one of the television highlights of the Games. "I don't need to say a word." Vine said. as Chemerkin made the winning 260kg clean and jerk. But inevitably he said several: "Germany have lost it ... the Russians continue their domisimilar vein for some minutes.

But who could begrudge him his moment. Over the past ten days Vine has taken a Cinderella sport and turned it into pretty much essential viewing. Over on Eurosport Steve Holdsworth and Jim Brady have been doing something similar with boxing. Their

commentary style is conversational and controversial and will not be to everybody's tastes. But for my money they are outpointing an under resourced Jim Neilly on the BBC at nearly every opportunity. On Tuesday night, weary

ing of the 40 minutes that Sue Barker's evening programme was dedicating to Clare Wood I joined the pugilists just in MATTHEW BOND ON THE **TELEVISION**

time. They, too, were a little bored, in their case with a bout between boxers from Turkey and Poland. So they turned their attention to the truly miserable state of British amateur boxing.

MARATHON

For some days I had been wondering why the nearest thing I had seen to a British boxer was a handful of gallant losers from Ireland, Now I discovered. We only had two to start with. "It's the first time in modern history that Britain has absolutely failed to qualifor the quarter-finals, Holdsworth moaned Brady, an American boxing journalist, turned the screw: "Yeah, you think back to the great names — Chris Finnegan, Alan Minter, Pat Cowdell ..." His conclusion? If Ireland could do it, it was high time the British boxing authorities smartened up their act.

about to be consoled. They don't get smart in amateur boxing in Britain, Jim." Things, however, were about to get even worse. Shortly after this frank exchange, the European Broadcasting Union decided that this particular bit of satellite would be better off carrying live coverage of the gymnastics exhibition. The one bout Holdsworth and Brady had been looking forward to, Brian Magee, of Bahari, of Algeria, was not to be seen. Holdsworth sounded furious. "That's a great, great pity," he muttered

Well, this might cheer him up. We caught up with the fight half an hour later with Sue Barker on BBC2. It was sort of night.

Increasing pride at the double

ONE sports organisation has come up with an idea to end Britain's medal drought - by introducing darts to the Olympics. The British Darts Organisation (BDO) is getting bullish over news that snooker is to be considered for the 2004 Olympics.

As Britain braced for its worst performance at an Olympics since Helsinki in 1952 amid news that Dick Palmer, the British Olympic Association secretary, is to meet lain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, next week to discuss the low medal tally, the BDO came up with their idea to lift British pride.

"Surely it makes sense for us to compete in sports that we are good at?" said Olly Croft. the BDO general secretary. The only snag for the BDO is that the British Sports Council does not recognise darts as a

More experts

Swimming: The Court of Arbitration for Sport yesterday called in more experts to help it to deliberate on the Russian appeal against the cancella-tion of the bronze-medal winning results of Andrei Korneyev, a swimmer, and Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestler. Both tested positive

for Bromantan, a stimulant that is related to Mesocarbe. The Russians are arguing that Bromantan is not on the list of banned substances. To be covered under "related substances" it must be proved that Bromantan is a psychostimulant. Research papers published in Russian medical journals have identified it as

Overpowered

Basketball: The Dream Team finals in typical overpowering fashion, beating Brazil 98-75, despite an early challenge from five-time Olympian, Os-car Schmidt. They play against Australia today for a place in the final after Australia stunned Croatia 73-71. The other semi-final pairs the European champions, Yugoslavia, and Lithuania, the 1992 bronze medal-winners.

Ge and Gu win

Badminton: China's Ge Fei and Gu Jun won the women's badminton doubles title, beating South Korea's Gil Young Ah and Jang Hye Ock 15-5,

Holland set for gold in dressage

HOLLAND are within sight of their first dressage gold medal after an outstanding test from Anky van Grunsven on Bonfire that has given them a narrow lead over Isabeli Werth, Germany's world champion, on Gigolo, in the grand prix special yesterday, the second leg of the individual contest (Jenny MacArthur

Van Grunsven, 28, who had been disappointed with her second place in the grand prix on Sunday, has a two-day score of 153.39 — just over a point ahead of Werth. With her best phase, the freestyle to music, still to come on Saturday, van Grunsven, the world freestyle champion, now looks set to break the German stranglehold on this event.

Richard Davison, the only Briton in the event, missed qualifying for the final leg but acquitted himself well, earning 1,397 marks on the nineyear-old Askari, the youngest

horse in the competition. Michael Whitaker, who suspected his horse, Two Step. had pulled a muscle after his 22.50 faults in the individual showjumping qualifier on Monday, said the horse was "much better" and ready to jump in the team event

Archery Women's individual

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Sadowyothe (Uk) bi J Nowchis (Pol) 161-158;
Jo-sun Kim (S Kor) bi R Gaterovskaya (Rus)
184-157; O Yatusheva (Belo) bi Ln Yi-Yin
(Talwari 151-157; E Allinkaynek (Tur) bi L
Arzhamikous (Hol) 160-150; B Mensing (Ger)
bi N Valeses (Mold) 163-156; Ying He (Chine)
bi A Williamson (GB) 165-159

Athletics Men's 200 metres

Men's 200 metres

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Women's 200 metres WOMen's 200 metres
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eight fastest losers to second round) Heat
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P Rotriguez (Col) 23 13; 5, Jenhul Yen
(China) 22.21; 8, M Meyberny (P Rico) 23.23
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Garslord-Teylor (Aus) 22.70; 3, L Jerdin
(Por) 22.95; 4, V Formerly (Un) 22 18; 5, S
Myers (Spi 23 18; 6, C Ubah (Nigere) 23.34;
7, D Kyrakou (Cop) 23.85 Heat three: 1, J
Cuthber (Jern) 23.03; 2, J Physione (Pus) 23.16; 3, C Freeman (Aus) 23.25, 4, S Homesnions (Fin) 23.35; 5, M Donders (Switz) 23.52; 6, M Azasashvili (Georga) 23.63; Heat touz; 1, M Ottey (Jam) 22.92; 2, K Marry (39) 23.14; 3, M Geothevaka (Bul) 23.90; 4, H Samuel (Ant) 23.94; 5, A Balo (IV C) 23.45; 8, Kugle Du (China) 23.69; Heat five: 1, G Meiorugina (Rus) 22.65; 2, C Stamuel (Belemata) 22.63; 3, 8 McDonald (Marri 23.04; 4, T Pratasashvili (IV) 23.15; 5, S Jacobs (GB) 23.95; 8, T Peny (Can) 23.46; 7, M ZiMovic (Yug) 23.51; Heat sol; 1, M-J Penc (Fi) 22.62; 2, 1 Miller (LS) 22.74; 3, A Bistornia) 22.68; 4, K Notis (Gr) 23.05; 5, N Sattorniava (Belo) 23.14; 6, 5 Fynes (Bisharmas) 23.33; 7, G Nisoma (Cam) 23.68.

Women's 1,500 metres

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Crowley (Aus): 4.07.51; 5, M Rydz (Pod):
4.07.51; 6, L Rogschore (Res): 4.07.61; 7, K
Dalecta (Edit): 4.07.68; 8, M Bevetol (Swe):
4.09.08; 9, M Dominguez (Sp): 4.15.00.

Badminton Men's doubles

Women's doubles

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Men's 500m kayak singles

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Garcia (So) 1-42 18; 4, R Crichiow (Carl)
1-42 85; 5, S Custiful (Br) 1-44 92; 5, S Verlin
(Rus) 1-45 22; 7, H Heide (Est) 1.47.31; 8, J
Garcia (Por) 1-52 78; 9, K Abia (Nr.C) 1-55.20,
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(Fin) 1-41 17; 4, J Comes (Arg.) 1-45 29; 5, P
Mericov (Bul) 1-43 87; 9, A Popov (Lizb)
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China 1:37.87; 8, Kazakhsjain 1:37.83, Heat
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(Austria) 1.51.44, 2, C Brumet (Can) 1.53.02, 3, B Fischer (Ger) 1.54.68; 4, S Meruyarna (Japan) 1.58.16; 5, I Herslamow (Switz) 1.58.82, 6, E Duron (March 1.58.83, 7, I Lyaire (Uzb) 1.59.92, 8, H Leiner (Ant) 3.00.67 Heat three: 1, K Borchert (Aust) 1.59.72, 2 R Mortie (SA) 7.54.69; 3, B Sanchez (Sp) 1.55.04; 4, D Van de Venne (Bel) 1.57.36; 5, A Dateway (GB) 1.58.23; 6, R Forlier (Forn) 2.00.05; 7, P Jobansova (C2) 2.07.81

Women's 500m kayak pairs ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each h Heat one: 1, Germany (R Portwich and B Fischer) 145:50, 2, Switzerland 145:76, 3, Romania 147:20: 4, Ulvaine 148:43: 5, Suigena 148:65; 6, Uzbekistan 1:50:54: 7, Mesco 15:125: Heat two: 1, Sweden (A Andersson and S Gunnarsson) 1:43:02: 2, Spain 1:44:03: 3, Poland 1:44:90: 4, Ruesta 1:47:16: 6, United States 1:47:91; 6, Czech Republic 1:51:34: 7, Great Britain (H Gliby and A Thorogood) 1:51:38.

Basketball

Women CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Minth to twelfth places. China 91 Zene 67

Handball Men's preliminary round POOL B: Spain 20 Egypt 19

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Hockey

Tennis Women's singles

Men's doubles SEMI-FINAL: N Broad and T Henman (GB) bt M Götner and D Prinosil (Ger) 4-8, 6-3, 10-8.

Volleyball Women

Britain no longer in top bracket

GREAT Britain have lost their place among hockey's elite, dropping out of the top six after a 2-1 defeat by Pakistan in the Olympic play-off series yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

The pattern of the match was not unfamiliar, with Mason in goal rescuing Britain time and again and Giles scoring from a short corner. In seven matches. Britain have scored only one goal from open play.

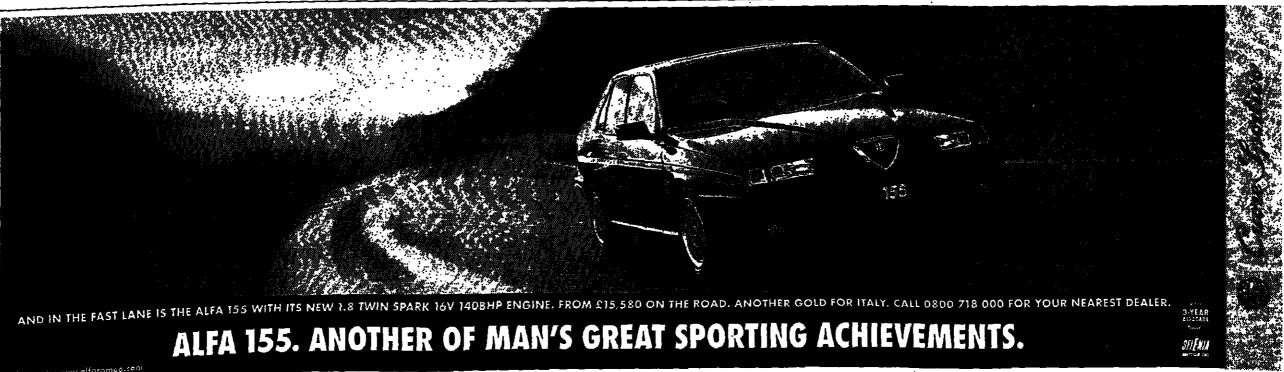
Giles had the ball in the net

from Britain's second short corner in the seventh minute. Four minutes later, however, the lead was lost when Shahbaz Ahmed set up Mohammed Sarwar. Pakistan went ahead in the

65th minute when Aleem Raza scored with a brilliant reversestick shot and Britain's last chance went two minutes from time, when Giles missed the target from his side's sixth short corner.

GREAT BRITAIN; S. Mason; J. Wyatt, J. Halls, P. McGuzte, K. Taldrer, Sorna Singh, C. Mayer, R. Garcia, J. Lee, J. Laslett, N. Thompson, Substitutes used: C. Giles, D. Hall, J. Shaw, S. Hazirit. res, J Shew, S Nezirit.

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Medals may tarnish but memories endure

The masters of the Olympic theatre at its most compelling. When Games can stage manage we see a human perform something much, but they cannot fix what sticks in the memory. You can make the Olympic Games as bloated as you like with an array of peripheral sports, and you can hand out gold medals by the carticad - but the unforgettable moments are never minted so easily.

There is something mesmeric about an Olympic moment, but often it has little to do with winning. These Games, more than any before, have churned out an unending and all too

forgettable catalogue of winners. In Atlanta there are said to be a possible 933 medals to be picked up in 29 Olympic sports (not that many of them are coming Britain's way, to the evident despair of Iain Sproat, our Minister for Sport).

But many of these so-called golden moments will fade almost as quickly as they were filmed. The spectator ends up with eyes glazed by medal ceremonies, and ears dulled by the drone of unrecognised national anthems. What sticks in the memory are the unexpected moments of human drama and frailty. The Olympic Games are live

when we see men and women 'Often it has little to do with winning'

desperately trying. and often failing, to triumph in the face of adversity. Despair. bravery, anger, pain and anguish — these are what fill the truly unforgettable Olympic minute.

There is more to Olympic history that the triumphs of the swift, the strong and the weird. On a day at the track when the Americans carried off a ransom in gold there were other. more enduring, memories to be taken away by British spectators. The image of Sally Gunnell, on her knees and doubled-up in pain between the hurdles, was unforgettable. So too, was the sight of Linford Christie, protesting like a child in a play-ground after his disqualification. Despair and frustration are sub-

stances we all might test positively for

on occasion; these are agonies we can

share. That is why for millions,

that is seemingly god-like and impos-

sible for all others, we marvel and we

rejoice that the trajectory of human

evolution is still on course towards

perfection. But what the mere mortal

spectator can more readily relate to

are those moments of intense drama

BRYANT'S

particularly Americans, the abiding sporting memory of Atlanta will be that of Kerri Strug taking off down the runway with a damaged ankle, defying the pain, to give the United States women the gold medal in the gymnastics team competition. Her agonised landing, wobbling and weeping on one foot, was a moment of bravery and triumph that all could understand.

Such moments, as much as any great world record, have always provided the enduring Olympic memory. In the first Olympic marathon, 100 years ago, the Greek runner, Spiridon Louis, was a hugely popular hometown winner, but it was not until 12 years later that the marathon really caught the public imagination. Then a tiny Italian,

Dorando Pietri, in the lead after more than 25 miles, staggered and wove his way into the Olympic stadium in London falling to the track, and being disqualified for being helped across the finish line. He won no gold, nor indeed any medal, but his failed struggle earned him an enduring

It was the same for Britain's Derek Redmond in the 400 metres in Barcelona in 1992. After 150 metres of his race he crashed to the track with a torn hamstring. Somehow he got up and hobbled human frailty' his way towards the

finish. His father, Jim. leapt a barrier to help his son to the line in an extraordinary poignant moment that had everyone in the stadium standing to salute.

Christie's display of anger and graceless outrage will live on in Olympic memory long after that gold medal-winning performances in the beach ball and the mountain biking have faded, just as the sight of the petulant Mary Decker-Slaney, her fists hammering the infield after her collision with Zola Budd in the 3,000 metres final is an abiding image of the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

Of course, some will argue that with Britain's pathetic haul of medals

it is just as well that great moments can be made of failure. But they come out of triumph, too. The sight of Steve Redgrave slumped in his boat almost paralysed with exhaustion at the moment of victory burns in the memory, as does the sparkle of delight in the eyes of Roger Black at his personal triumph over injury and illness in the 400 metres.

Sadly, for all the great sport, the most abiding Olympic image of 1996 will inevitably be the sinister roar of terrorism that tore apart the peace of the Games last Saturday. Before the bomb

there had been endless complaints of buses that did not run on time, of computers that could not deliver the results, of television coverage that was too American and parochial.

One explosion put an end to all that. The whingeing, like the winning in so many of the so-called Olympic

the bomb in Centennial Park, Atlanta had its most unforgettable and abiding Olympic memory of all.

JOHN BRYANT

Deep down, a whodunnit

Deep Station Emerald. Radio 4, 11pm.

Joe Turner's sci-fi serial is the sub-aquatic equivalent of Agatha Christie's terrestrial Ten Little Indians and Ridley Scott's extraterrestrial Alien. A group of men and women are isolated from the rest of the world and, one by one, get bumped off by a mystery killer. Episode one of Deep Station Emerald is noisy, hysterical, eventful, and festooned with technical talk about magnetic poles that reverse polarities and other such jargon. Unusually, it has jabs of humour. The sub-pillet (Maurosen Beattie) descending to the bed of the humour. The sub-pilot (Maureen Beattie) descending to the bed of the Atlantic to help an energy-seeking research team, cries out. "Dive, dive, dive! Oh God, I love saying that. It's why I became a sub-pilot."

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8pm.

Who was it at Classic FM, I wonder, who searched for a unifying theme for tonight's concert and came up with Switzerland's National Day? Whoever it was deserves a pat on the head. It's not often we get a chance to hear Honegger's Cello Concerto or Frank Martin's Symphonic Concertante. Personally, I would have liked something by another notable Swiss composer. Ernest Bloch, perhaps Schelomo, his rhapsody for cello and orchestra. What, you may ask, are Berlioz's Roman Carnival overture and Chabrier's Pastoral Suite doing in an all-Swiss concert? Both are performed by the Suisse Romande under the conductor synonymous with Switzerland's bestknown orchestra, Ernest Ansermet.

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FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evens 9.00
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RADIO 2

FM Stareo, 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Alex Lester 11.30 Jinmy Young 1.30pm Oebbe Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The "What It" Show 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 I Write the Songs Amende McBroom (5/8) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Charles Nove 3.00 Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5,00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Clympic Breatdast Programme, incl at 6.55, 7.55 recing preview 8.35 The Megazine, with Diana Medit, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Middley with Mair 2.00 Inverdale's Clympics. Includes the women's badminton final and the wheelchair athletics 5.30 Nationwide incl at 6.45 Ententainment News 7.00 Clympic News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports and Olympic Reports 7.45 Attacks I live. Clympic News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports and Olympic Roundup 7.45 Artarts Live, with Sybii Roscoe and Ian Payna. Includes tennis and the team final in the showjumping 10.00 Night Extra, with Valene Sanderson 11.05 Inventiele's Olympics. Includes the men's and women's 200m finals, the women's hockey final and the boring semi-finals.

TALK RADIO

6.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chishoim 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deelay 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

All times in BST, News on the hour, 5,30 Europe Today 6,30 Europe Today 7,05 Olympic Sportsworld 7,30 Sports Inter-restoral 8,10 Words of Feith 8,15 Off the Sheft: Short Stories (4/5) 8,30 Network UK 9,15 Composer of the Morith 9,45 Health Matters 10,05 World Business Report 10,15 Sports International 10,45 Sports Roundup 11,30 BBC English 11,45 Off the Shell: Short Stores (4/5) 8,30 Network 11,45 Off the Shell: Short Stores (4/5) 12,30 Netwise 1,15 Riffsh Today 11.45 Cif the Shell: Short Stones (4/5)
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in B, Op 40): Crusell (Clarmet Concerto No 3 in B flat)

9.00 Morning Collection with
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(Academic Festive) Overture);
Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 119); Stravinsky (Suite No 1); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K201)

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IV); Charpentier (Magnificat);
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(Clarinet Quintet in A, K581) 3,35 Ulster Orchestra, under Leos Svarovsky. Smetana

(Ma viast) 5.00 The Music Machine, with

5.15 In Tune. Araujo (Hola, Hala. que vienen gitanas); Shostakovich (The Assauli on Beautiful Gorky); Mozart, ar Triabensee (Don Giovanni,

excepts): Charpentier (Le Malade kraginaire, excepts) 7.30 BBC Prems 1996. Live from the Albert Hall, London. Victorie Postnikova, piano, Victoria Postriktova, piano, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Proms Artist of the Week, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Bruckner, ed Haas (Symphony No 2 in C minor) 8,35 Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Devid Huckvalie exammes the lite and cereer of Imposite lite and career of tonight's conductor 8.55 Proms Part 2. Stravinsky (Capriccio); Schnittke, arr Rozhdestvensk (Suite: Dead Souls)
10.00 Lost in London. The

Hanover Square Rooms, in central London (4/5)
10.15 German Entrepreneuers in London, Emma Kirkby, sportage | Ley Male fortensen, harpsichord. London Baroque. J.C. Bach (Concerto in E flat, Op 7 No 5); Abel (Frena le belle

a); Abet (Frena to beine legrime)

10.45 Great British Contributions,
Joe Mordaunt Crook and Sir
Roy Strong explore some of the finest examples of English landscape gardens: Levens Hall; Corby Castle; and Brantwood, all in the Lake District (3/3)

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11.30 Composer of the Week:
Kurt Welli (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby
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1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes

6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 First Impressions Pete
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game for Impressionists
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Deep Season: Whale
Songs and Deep Sea
Blues, Lindsay Duncan
narrates a beautiful and
dramatic evocation of the
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sounds, colours and life of the sea as experienced by humpback whate and her

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8.00 Analysis: Happy Holidays? In the last of the series, Ngaire Woods examines the impact of tourism on other

societies and on us

8.45 Going South The last of
Kevin Connolly's series on the
annual summer journey of
millions of Europeans who

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people with disabilities

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.58 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

(4/8) (r)
11.00 The Deep Season: Deep Station Emerald, See

Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes

of Address, by Lee Langley Read by Juliet Stevenson

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing Incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Speak After the Beap (3/4) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News; Minor Adjustment

10.00 News; Minor Adjustment (FM only), by Andy and Eric Memman. Peter Davison and Samantha Bond star in a

Sarrantha Bond star in a cornedy about a family with a daughter who has Down's syndrome (3/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order, Patrick Hannan chairs the lighthearted political out?

lighthearted political quit 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

Sheena MacDonald 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Beauty of Bone,
by Bridget Lawles; The story
of a student who sets out to
help a once successful author

heip a once successful author rediscover herself. With Stephanie Cole, Freda Dowie and Oerrys Hawthome

3.00 News The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaledoscope.
Paul Allen sees
J.S. Priestley's play When We Are Manied, starting Dawn French and Leo McKem

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11.30 Worldly Wise. Pater Hobday
is joined by Germains Greer,
Sirnon Brett, Loretel King and
Richard Stitgos (r)
12.90 News incl 12.27am approx
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Weather
12.36 The Late Book: The Secret
History, William Hope reads
Donna Tarti's thriller (4/15)
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What sticks are moments of

sports, was something that suddenly eemed strangely marginal.

It is not the way the masters of the Games stage managed it, but with

OLYMPIC GAMES

Uplifting drama completes day in land of the giants

THE great motto of the Olympic Games is at heart a playground boast: citius. altius, fortius, which in translation means: "I'm fas-ter/higher/stronger than you. so nah nahny nahnah".

There is something elemental about such a claim and the events that surround it, and it is these basic, stripped, pareddown sports that are at the heart of the Games. The interloping newcomers, beach volleyball and mountain biking, look like the footling little gimmicks they are after a day in the land of the giants.

I did citius on Saturday. with the 100 metres; and I have been doing altius all week, with high jumping and gymnastics. It was time for a spot of fortius. Out they came. these monsters, these giants: it was as if you were walking into the pages of Narnia. This was the super-heavyweight weightlifting competition, and it provided some of the most compelling sport at the

Games. Once every four years, these pale giants step blinking into the daylight, away from their secret, sweaty gyms, each with a chance to try, just six times, to lift a few chunks of iron above their heads: weights equivalent to a couple of prop forwards or a small horse.

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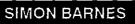
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In many sports, there is an aesthetic dimension: people say they would sooner watch Gower than Gooch, because so much of Gooch's game is brute force. There are no aesthetics of weightlifting. Everything has been stripped away until there is nothing left but brute force. But it is the most stupendous theatre. It is impossible not to empathise with these colossal men, making these colossal efforts: a member of the audience, quite involuntarily, strains with each majestic lift and feels with each success an involuntary cheer leave the throat.

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with each successive triumph as the giants reluctantly depart the stage with a newly assumed belly-out swagger: for most wear their colossal muscles beneath a comfortable coat of adipose tissue.

Disaster overcame Igor Halilov, of Uzbekistan: the weight rebelled against him, fought his control and won. forcing his elbow back against the joint. It was instant dislocation, the weight whacking him on the head in passing as thundered to the ground. That was the end of Halilov's competition: the end of four years effort and strain.

The greater dismay came to Ronny Weller, of Germany. Coming to his final lift, he raised the weights - in a weightlifting competition, you can only take more, you can never go back - another 2.5kg, which was 2.5kg beyond the world record.

Seized it. Lifted it to his chest. And then came the mighty final effort: face dissolving with the strain, so that, in his final torment he assumed the features of a fractious, colicky baby about to howl the place down. And held it aloft in a long moment of ecstatic triumph.

Jubilation is a poor word for his joy afterwards, leaping about the stage like a rather large gazelle, removing his wooden-soled weightlifter's shoes and hurling them into the audience. "It was simply the joy of my life," he said.

The weight leapt to his chest, the legs inexorably straightened beneath him. His All that remained was for Andrei Chemerkin, of Russia. face, wobbling like a jelly with to make a quixotic attempt at a strain and anxiety, suddenly

Chemerkin is ecstatic after the lift that brought him a world record and gold medal the weight twice over, thereby raising the world record another 5kg. He set himself a weight of 260kg. Chemerkin weighed in at 165.47kg.

impossible weight, released it with the sound of thunder and his joy exploded across the theatre. Devastation for Weller, but there is no triumph in . sport that does not come at the expense of another's dismay. "I just thought of winning." Chemerkin said, adding modestly: "If someone had gone higher, I could have done

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burst free from these giants; to see these men, men who inspire awe wherever they go, abandon themselves completely to the emotions of the playground; to take each other on in this elemental test of strength, and to howl with joy in victory and in defeat, to

being over anyway so why not

carry on and see what I can do

Holmes opts to soldier on in semi-final

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

KELLY HOLMES surveyed better than no soldier. Holmes, a sergeant in the risking further damage be-

woman in the field, to qualify

1.500 metres

for the 5,000 metres final, but, most of all, to Sonia O'Sullivan, from Ireland. After dominating her grand prix races this season. O'Sullivan dropped out of the 5,000 metres final and failed O'Sullivan explained after

perience. She finished tenth of seconds slower than her best

Holmes, the world champ ionship bronze medal winner, finished fourth in the 800 metres here. The world championship runner-up at

line almost simultaneously with Szabo, the Romanian taking the victory in 4min 07.32sec. the Briton 0.04sec

il, recording 4min 19.77sec, 20

MG B WATCHING Answers from page 39 DULCARNON

(a) A sort of gypsy race similar to the Caquets and Caquetor, living in boats, chiefly on the rivers of Potton. In fendal times a

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final lift. He had worked out erupted in triumph. For he did that to win, he needed to raise it, lifted and controlled that ween salt tears.

FROM DAVID POWELL

the battleground and decided that a wounded soldier is Army, ran in the first round of the 1,500 metres yesterday with a confirmed hairline fracture above her ankle. She lines up in the semi-finals today and said it was worth cause "it is weird what has been, happening at these

Games." Holmes was referring to the withdrawal from the 1,500 metres of Maria Mutola, the 800 metres bronze medalwinner, from Mozambique, the failure of Gabriela Szabo, from Romania, the fastest

yesterday to progress past the first round of the 1,500 metres. the 5,000 metres that she had been suffering from diarrhoea. She hoped that the three days she had between the 5,000 and the 1,500 metres would allow her to recover, but her valiant effort resulted in another miserable ex-

this season.

MEN

1,500 metres
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REST BRITISH PERSONIMANCER: Gold: Long jump

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: C Bennett (1905, Å Jackson (1912), A Hill (1920), Coe (1980, 1984). WOMEN

1988 BEST: 7.20 Joyner-Karser: 7.01 N Xanthou (Gr): 7.01 S Williams (LIS): 6.99 I Kravels (Usr): 6.94 M Khristove (Bul): 6.93 F May (R): 6.92 V Vershirtins (Libr): 6.91 A Karszmenk (Pol): 6.90 V Obenchenko (Russ): 6.88 L Gelloma (Russ): 6.88 M Veltman (LIS): British: 6.68 D Lewis.

1996 BEST: 2.03 Kostadinova; 2.02 I Babalova (Ular); 2.00 A Asanta (Gar); 2.00 Y Gulyayera (Russ), 1.98 T Waller (US); 1.98 T Moticova (Russ); 1.97 I Ountero (Cuba); 1.97 S Zwiewisoya (Kaz); 1.97 N Belogiarm (Gr) British: 1.94 D Marti; 1.92 L Haggett BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Siver;

RECORDS: World: 7.52m (G Chistishova, USSR) 1988. European; 7.52m (Chistis-lova). Britist: 6.90m (B Kinch) 1983. Olympic: 7.40m (J Joyner-Kersee, US) 1988

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1,500 metres, she is hoping now that painkilling injections problems but I have been before each race will see her given an injection to ease the through. Holmes eased across the pain and it was confirmed I have got a hairline fracture." Holmes said. "I see my season

(c) The horns of a dilemma (or syllogismum cornutum). "At my wit's end", a puzzling question. From the Arabic word meaning "the possessor of two horns". (a) A metrical foot that goes dum-di-di-dum. Horace gives us a great variety of choriambic metres. But the main feature in all is the prevalence of the choriambus, dum-di-di-dum.

(c) Destroying or taking away another workman's tools, or otherwise incapacitating him from doing his work, with the object of forcing him to join a trade union or to obey its rules. The term was once common in Yorkshire and is of unknown

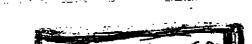
collibert was a partly free serf but still bound to certain services. From the Latin collibertus, a fellow freedman. SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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The rich? Shooting's too good for them

The hills are alive with the sound of gunfire, but at least equality has arrived on the slopes. The Julie Andrews types have been allowed to put aside their faisettos and take up arms alongside their husbands, who are often called Raiph and pronounced Rafe.

Guns are a dodgy subject just at the moment but last night's Inside Story: The Lady Guns (BBCI) was right to avoid the wider issues, though one felt a passing chill when one woman removed her weapon from an unlocked kitchen cupboard and announced this arrangement had been approved by the police.

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The upper classes indulging in slaughter as a hobby are easy prey, so to speak. Their tweeds, their accents, their labradors and their attitudes are routinely mocked by town-dwelling saboteurs, whose mix of romanticism and ignorance will eventually have hunting

banned. This will prevent hoi polloi shooting pheasants; it will also prevent me catching fish.

Ouite how we shall cull weak and sick deer or kill vermin such as foxes or provide a living for gamekeepers, beaters and uncounted others come that brave new world has not been made clear. But trust women to get a place in the killing fields just as the enemy tanks are fully revved-up.

Inside Story went hunting in Sussex. Oxfordshire, Yorkshire and Scotland. Deer fell over and pheasants crashed earthwards. but the saddest breed on show was homo sapiens, male variety. Women are like grey squirrels, said one, "they're forcing the normal species out." Another's eyes rolled, if not entirely seriously, at the prospect of a pregnant female on the rampage. A woman was bad enough, apparently, but "a hormonal woman . . . " It hardly bore thinking about.

The bormonal woman in ques tion was Amanda Congreve, star of the show, 32 years old, pretty as a picture and pregnant. She had been a townie who managed a nightclub, but her husband Ralph pronounced Rafe soon changed all that. Amanda is aware that some men, though not Rafe spelt Ralph, resent women with guns: "They think we're a bit of a joke."

heasants felled by Amanda's gun expressed no view, being dead on arrival at the microphone. But Amanda, hormonal though she may be, does draw the line. She would not shoot geese: "Maybe that's because I'm a woman and a hit sentimental "Or because a goose has a tendency to behave like a sitting duck.

There are 10,000 shoots in Britain and they cost between £200 and £2,000 a day for each gun. At the lower end of this scale there are plenty of shopkeepers and the like

Peter Barnard

who go hunting, but television documentary makers tend to prefer reinforcing stereotypes. They have an agenda and one should be mindful of it.

So the focus was on rather wellorf people with rather large tracts of land who use the word rather rather a lot. But that is appearance, not substance. They come across as people who know they are fortunate and who care about good fortune is spent.

The alternative to rich people

behaving the way rich people should is not a pretty sight, as was demonstrated in Short Stories: Downward Nobility (Charmel 4). This was about those who have left the clear waters of upstream society for the mudbanks far

They include Sophie Buchan Watt, a member of the Duke of Hamilton's family. Sophie used up some tabloid ink a year or two back, over her penchant for "exotic dancing", a calling she now pursues in New York. My attempts to work out Sophie's exact relationship to the duke have failed, so I will leave it to you; her mother is a first cousin of the duke; do carry on

Kirsty, the aforesaid mother, has no problem with Sophie being what mother calls a "go-go dancer". Kirsty thinks this is a "modern

version of the can-can". Judged by the footage from New York, more clothing go-goes than it ever did in the can-can, but never mind.

Sophie's father, Nigel, takes a somewhat more oblique view, using personality analysis as a substitute for just coming right out with it: "It's her artistic temperament that isolates her. I think possibly I'd describe her as a late déveloper." Sophie is 28.

ohn Wroath is the son of a judge, indeed John appeared In court for some misdemeanour the day before his father was made a judge. (This is more evidence for my contention that the man who called his autobiography Sorry, Dad had come up with the greatest title in the history of

Anyway. John is a shavenheaded Chelsea supporter who sings with a band called the Wayward Sons, Whereas Sonhie

could not quite articulate her present condition, John could: "It suddenly hit me, I don't want to do it. I want to play my guitar and I want to be in a band. It's going to upset a lot of people, it'll buck the system, but it's what I want to do." Fortunately, Judge Wroath is sanguine. He had "seen a great

many friends put a lot of their unfulfilled dreams and ambitions into their children". This, he felt, had to be avoided at all costs. And blood is thicker than water, however diluted with rebellion. John and father still reside on the Isle of Wight, Sophie remains "reliant on friends and family for survival".

Euphemism is item one in the kit issued with parenthood. Indulgence is item two. Sophie feels she would be more independent if she had a car, but first she must learn to drive. We watched her lurch along a Scottish road, her instructor at her side. Yes, of course, it was Mother.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (26284) 7.00 Olympic Breakfast. The best of the overnight action from Alianta. Featuring the 400m hurdles finals; boxing quarter finals and the semi-finals of the tootball

and men's hockey (s) (57555) 9.00 News (Ceefax) (9537178) 9.05 Olympic Grandstand, More extended

highlights including the decathlon, diving, boxing and volleyball (s) (31236772) 12.35pm Neighbours(Ceefax) (s) (6059642) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (50642)

1.30 Regional News (42333791) 1.40 Olympic Grandstand. The decathion continues with the 110m hurdles and the discus. Alex Kruger follows in the tootsteps of Datey Thompson for Britain. There is also coverage of the singles finals in the men's and women's badminton competitions (s) (73407284)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (490710) 6.00 News & Weather (Ceetax) (52) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (84)

7.00 Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam looks back at last night's athletics, when five gold medals were decided and ws tonight's final of the men's 200m. There is live action from the men's tennis semi-finals and the showlumping. Plus news from the closing stages of the hockey tournament (Ceetax) (s) (88197) 8.30 EastEnders: Blossom comes a cropper during her lunch-hour. Sanjay acquires an admirer. Ruth takes Kathy into her

confidence and Phil has a trying day in court (Ceetex) (s) (3449) 9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceelax) (6888)

9.30 Men Behaving Bedly. Deborah and Dorothy are away for the weekend, so the visiting girls next door are invited over tor a night of fun. Last in the series (Ceefax) (s) (33265)

10.00 Atletico Partick. Amateur 100tball sitcom. Coach Bonner has a unique idea for improving the balance of his players. This is very good news for Jack, who is being left distinctly imbalanced by the antics of his cheating wite, Karen (Ceefax) (s)

10.30 Olympic Grandstand, Desmond Lynam introduces more live action from Atlanta. 10.45 Showjumping or hockey. Action from either the final of the team showjumping or the bronze medal match of the women's hockey if Britain are involved 12.10am Athletics: Men and women's 200m semi-finals 12.30 Women's 1500m semi-finals 12.55 Men's 1500m semi-finals 1.25 Men's 400m hurdles final 1.45 Woman's 200m final 2.00 Men's 200m final 2.15 Men's 5000m semi-funals 2.00 Boxing 2.40 Yachting, boxing, table tennis, basketball, volleyball 3.30 Athletics: The conclusion of the decathlon (s) (1740420)

4.25 FILM: Born to Be Bad (1950). A cynical temme fatale arrives in San Francisco and embarks upon two relationships which are initiated merely for her own financial gain and vanity rather than love. Starring Joan Fontaine, Robert Ryan, Zachary Scott, Joan Leslie, Mel Ferrer and Harold Vermilyes. Directed by Nicholas Ray (o/w) (539442) Ends 6am

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Show (Ceetax) (6034246) 1.55 Glorious Goodwood, Julian Wilson introduces action from four races. With news at 3.00 and 3.40 (39719401) 4.00 Tom and Jerry (5961352) 4.05 The

Family Ness (r) (5960623) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceelax) (s) (2482555) 4.30 Bouncing Back: The Best Bits of Johnny Ball (Ceelax) (s) (71) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax)

5.10 The Lowdown: The Lost City (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4774159) 5.35 A Week to Remember (282888)

5.45 Holiday Outings: Brazil (s) (271772) 5.55 FILM: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952). Swashbuckling adventure on the high seas in the 17th century, when the Spanish Main was plagued by piracy. With Robert Newton, Linda Damell, Keith Andes and William Bendix Directed by Raoul Walsh (Ceefax) (82868913)

Sir. 1917-18: The Last Gasp (b/w) (Ceeiax) (s) (30) The Street. Kirsly Young and her team of troubleshooters head for the Herefordshire village of

Eardisland (Ceefax) (3) (5284) 8.30 Olympic Grandstand, Sue Barker presents the action from the final phase of the showjumping. The decathlon nears-its finish in the stadium. Plus action from yachting and archery (s) (92159) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (571739)



Katrin Cartildge as Robin (11.15pm)

Double Exposure: Nightlife (Ceeiax) (s) (156604)

12.00 Animated 2: Guns, Sex and Mou traps. Television violence is pushed to new limits in four satirical animated films. The animators, Chris Hinton, Pavel Koutsky and Phil Mulkey explain the satire in their work (s) (79622)

12.30am Olympic Grandstand. The women's hockey finel (s) (5012192) 4.55 The Season. Focusing on the end of the

season in Blackpool (s) (43151647) 5.20 Open University: Public Murals in New York (8855937) 5.45-6,00 Photo-

CHOICE

BBC2, 7.30pm

It is the spring of 1918. The Russian Tsar and his family have been murdered by the Bolsheviks there is a new German offensive on the Western Front and Britain's munitions workers are threatening to go on to keep a sense of proportion. His concern is that even with the fate of the nation in the balance, horse racing must go on. The Empire may be "cancelled" but the Newmarket meeting cannot. The letters pages of this newspaper carried weightier contributions during the last year of the First World War and there are hints of them in this anthology. There is, for instance, understandable alarm at the flu epidemic which is killing up to 4,000 people a week. Against that, a correspondent solemnly suggests a tax on pet dogs.

BBC2, 8.00pm

The ad hoc Citizens Advice Bureau is in Herefordshire, listening to the troubles of villagers who have no shops, no doctor and lousy public transport. The jaunty presentation can start to grate and those who have tried to get quick responses from local have tried to get quick responses from local authorities may marvel at the speed with which the television team can summon up help. They even get a chap out the same day. But having got the scepticism out of the way.

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it is right to applaud a useful and constructive programme, which deals with gripes that any of us might have and offers good advice on how to sort them out. Whether it is clearing up dog mess, a serious health hazard according to the show's resident GP, unblocking public tootpaths ex-providing much-needed mobility to villaged without cars, the experts point the way.

Secret History: The Voyage of the St Louis Channel 4, 0,000p

In the spring of 1939, in an uncharacteristic act of generosity to a hated race, the Nazi regime allowed more than 900 German Jews to board a ship in Hamburg and seek their freedom. The destination of the steamship St secured entry visas. Or so they thought.
When the ship arrived in Havana harbour it was forbidden permission to disembark and appeals for sanctuary to the United States and Canadian governments proved fruitless. There was nothing for it but to turn round and return to Europe and, the passengers feared, the Nazi concentration camps. But some of the Jews did survive and their testimonies, delivered from a reunion in Florida, flesh out a tale of hopes prematurely raised and savagely dashed and of shameful political expediency from countries that should have known better.

Double Exposure: Nightlife BBC2. 11.15pm

Robin is a young woman who seems terrified of leaving her Glasgow flat and spends her time taking photographs of nightly goings-on in the park opposite. Meanwhile the television news reports are heavy with rumours of violence and drug abuse. David Grieg's screenplay, the last in this series by new television writers, starts with so many puzzles that it is in danger of being too clever for its own good. But as the tale unfolds, Grieg displays an unerring skill for letting us know enough to keep our attention without giving away too much. It anything, though we think we are beginning to fit the pieces together, the uncertainties and ambiguities increase. As Robin, Katrin Carilidge gives an unsettling portrait of a woman for whom reality is experienced through the camera's lens. Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4401536) 9,25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn

Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7925807) 9,50 Hope and Gloria (5351888) 10,20 News (Teletext) (5677246) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5676517)

10,30 Cartoon Time (2580197) 10.40 Switched at Birth. First of a two part mini-series based on the true story of two (41547517)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1047420) 12.30 News and Weather (Teletext) (6052739) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6020130) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teleted) (6887130) 2.00 Home and Away (87798994)

2.25 FILM: You Rulned My Life (1987) with Solell Moon Frye, Paul Reiser and Mirni Rogers. Concluding yesterday's little

3.20 News (Teletext) (1144284) 3.25 Region al News (1143555)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (9914951) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (3350536) 3.50 Molly's Gang (r) (s) (1819587) 4.05 Animaniacs (4115212) 4.20 Bizzing Dragons (2486517) 4.45 The Scoop (1684791)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5098555) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (916333); 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (496555) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (654468)

rdale. Jack hás a shock when he takes Andy home (Teletext) (3062) 7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan finds out how America's most famous police chief, (main Bratton, would tackle crime in British (4)

8.00 The Bill. An informant becomes bait when Boulton tries to catch a dangerous villain (Teletext) (2710).



Nick Berry as a lensman (8.30pm)

8.30 Paparazzo. A receat of the feature length drama about a celebrity photo-grapher who begins to understand the real lite behind a movie starlet he is commissioned to photograph. Starring Nick Berry and Fey Masterson (r) (8517) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (12284) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (772081)

10.40 Unbridled Passions. Racehorse trainer Philip Hobbs prepares for the three-day Cheltenham Festival (191666) 11.10 Summer Getaways (s) (139352)

11,40 Bodies of Evidence (r) (804739) 12,35 Carnal Knowledge (4729005) 1.35 Not Fade Away (s) (8855111) 2,35 Flux (s) (8156005) 3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (6861424)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (34753) 5.00 Grass Roots (Teletext) (19956) 5.30 Morning News (29127)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except 6.25pm-7.00 Waies Tonight (654468) 7.30-8.00 On the Chapel Trail (4) 10.40 The Sherman Plays (191666) 11.10-11.40 The Big Story (139352)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Babycakes (40017888) 12.55pm Emmerdale (6020130) 1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (83648246) 1.55 Home and Away (58370449)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1107371) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5098555) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (23888) 10,30 Westcountry News (763333) 10.45 On the Edge (541371) 11.15 Roadrumer (548284) 11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (320352)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5098555) 6.25 Central News and Weather (471246) 6.55-7.00 Life Line (234062) 10.40 Crime Stalker (764352) 11.40 London Bridge (735710)

12.10am Revelations (5439685) **12.40 Camai Knowledge (6752579)** 1.45 Not Fede Away (1255869)

2.40 Flux (5927192)

3.35 The Crime Hour (6246227) As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5351888) 10.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under (97975) 11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds (5699710) 11.25 Beakman's World (5609197) 11.55 Dungeons and Dragons (7753554) 12.55pm Emmerdale (6020130) 1.25 Home and Away (83648246) 1.55 Shortland Street (89378888 (220 Shifth Sense (87792710) 2.50-3.20 Doing It Up (5680710) 4.45 The Scoop (1684791) 5.10 Home and Away (5098555) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (20) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (72) 10.40 Film: Rocky III (23621555) 12.35

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CHANNEL 4

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2.25 FILM: Daniel and the Devil (1941). Reworking of the Faust legend in 19th-century New England. James Craig stars as a farmer who sells his soul to the Devil, played by Walter Huston. Also with Edward Arnold, Gene Lockhart and Jane Darwell. Directed by William Dieterle (b/w)

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6.00 Eerie Indiana (Teletext) (r) (494197) 6.25 Boy Meets World. Cory is mistaker praised for saving the school from fire (Teletext) (s) (479888)

6.55 Fresh Pop (232604) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (213587) 7.50 The Slot (499505)

8.00 Black Bag: Women Out of Prison (Teletext) (s) (4492)

8,30 Home to Roost. Cross-generation comedy. Matthew decides to become a vegetarian. With Reace Dinsdale and John Thaw (Teletext) (s) (6159)



Captain Schroder (9.00cm)

Secret History: The Voyage of the St Louis. The moving story of the last ship to leave Germany carrying Jewish refugees fleeing Hitter (Teletext) (7587).

10.00 FILM: Monty Python's Life of Brian (1979). Part of the Handmade in Britain series. Some viewers may find the black and broad humour of this him, about a man mistaken for the Messiah in Romanoccupied Israel, offensive. Graham Chapman, Terry Jones, John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Terry Gilliam and Carol Cleveland all appear. Directed by Terry Jones (Teletext) (425197)

11,45 Adult Ricki (Teletext) (s) (337642) 12,30am Kids in the Hall. Canadian comedy show (r) (Teletext) (s) (6099227) 1.05 Beavis and Buithead (4463453)

1.35 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (6984145) 2.05 FILM: Jewel Robbery (1932) with

William Powell and Kay Francis. A gentleman thief leads a raid on a jeweller's shop, where he encounters a beautiful baroness. Directed by William Disterte (1711395) Ends at 3.15

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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7.00cm Undun (93371) 9.00 Press Your Luck (4363517) 9.20 Love Connection (1157826) 9.45 The Oprah Wintery Show (2565888) 10.40 Jacquardyl (1731776)-11.10 Sally Jessy Rephate (9825759) 12.00 Code 3 (31233) 12.30pm Designing Women (68975) 1.00 Hotel (58130) 2.00 Geratato (57081) 3.00 Court TV (4468) 3.30 The Oprah Winterly Show (5197642) 4.15 Undun 1138265 5.00 Output Turnum Lesp (9820) 6.00 Peruriy Hifts 90210 (76994) 7.00 Spelibound (6449) 7.30 MrA*S*H (2973) 8.90 Through the Keyhole (5197) 8.30 The World at Their Feet (4604) 9.00 The Comment (15807) 10.00 Quantum Lesp (18984) 11.00 Highlander (9007) 12.00 Late Show with Devid Letterment (8500109) 12.45sem Roses Are for the Fich (6710956) 1.30 Smouldeting Lust (43024) 2.00 Hit Max Long Play (8001444)

News on the hour 9,30mm, Beyond 2000 (38791) 10,30 ABC 9,30mm, Beyond 2000 (38791) 10,30 ABC Norws This Morning (10265) 2,30 CBS News This Morning (11399) 3,20 Beyond 2000 (1977) 6,30 Tonight with Adem Bouton (16178) 7,30 Sportsine (25307) 8,30 Reuters (2507) 8,30 Reuters (81807) 12,30mm ABC World News Tonight (25210) 1,30 Tonight with Adem Bouton (16191) 12,30mm ABC World News Tonight (25210) 1,30 Tonight with Adem Bouton (16191) News on the hour 9.30mm Beyond 2 (89314) 1.30 Trinight with Adam Bouleon Replay (85869) 2.30 Reuters Reports (11686) 3.30 Reyond 2000 (81181) 4.30 CBS Evening News (91918) 5.30 ABC World News Tonight

SKY MOVIES

SKY NEWS

8.00sm ... and God Created Woman (1956) (51642) 8.00 Dear Heart (1956) (48333) 10.00 Young at Heart (1995) (48333) 10.00 Young at Heart (1995) (93105538) 11.45 Adventures of a Young Man (1982) (12158791) 2.15pm The Black Stallion Reburts (1983) (554045) 4.00 All Hands on Deck (1961) (36567642) 7.40 US Top Ten (855739) 8.00 Only You (1994) (24555) 10.00 The Crow (1984) (85651) 11.45 Croeklyn (1984) (89450) 14.00m Back to Soldon (1986) (896700) (1994) (24333) TALOU (IRE GROW (1994) (894541) 11.45 Crocklyn (1994) (899420) 1.40en Back to Solved (1996) (599739) 3.20-8.00 Where the Rivers Flow North (1993) (48) 19395)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Mappets Take Manhattan (1984) (82825) 2.00pm The Song of Bermsdette (1943) (83554081) 4.35 Abbott and Costello Meel Captain Kidd (1982) (2154294) 6.00 Heilfighters (1968) (83627) 10.00 Permissent Record (1988) (735817) 11.40 Goriffus in the Mist (1988) (21440791) 1.50em Captains Courseous (1937) (305463) 3.50-5.00 Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd (1982) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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6.00am The Girl in the News (1940) (35375) 7.30 Travels of Marco Polo (1993) (58826) 9.00 Joe at the Kingdom of the Antis (5035541) 10.20 Robotic: The Movie (1993) (7552975) 12.00 Well the Proud Land (1958) (69825) 2.00pm Midnight Run for Your Life (1994) (58848) 4.00 Robotic: The Movie (1983) (1994) 6.00 Touch of Truth (1994) (10352) 8.00 A Good Man in Africa (1994) (2167) 10.00 The Programme (1993) (776791) 11.55 Killer Looks (1982) (35826) 1.40am Sargh for Grace (1994) (39855) 3.15 Sighoustie (1994) (915376) 4.50-5.00 Joe at the Kingdom of the Antis (886569)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sty Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.05em Ousck Atrack (74710894) 6.30 Rescue Rangers (64951333) 6.55 Rescue Rangers (64970488) 7.20 Ducktales (97869159) 7.45 Ducktales (87817449) 8.16 Ousck Atlack (98165739) 6.35 Darkwing Duck (6740833) 9.00 Darkwing Duck (13448197) 9.25 Ousck Atlack (7078094) 10.00 Disney (74162642) 10.55 Rescue Rengers (52087604) 11.20 Rescue Duck (1348/97) Subset (14182642) 10.55
Rescue Rangers (5208/504) 11.20 Rescue
Rangers (49233975) 11.45 Wonderland
(1455791) 12.05pm Lamb Chops Play
Along! (76910265) 12.30 Marphel Bables
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(84267517) 8.30 Gargovies (97267130)
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EUROSPORT

6,00mm Good Morning Atlanta (84064) 7.00 Archary (23719) 8,00 Daing (31739) 9,00 Archary (47523) 11,00 Olympic Team Sort (30265) 12,00 Diving (70468) 1,00pm Arthetics (56888) 2,00 Live Daving (70468) 4,15 Live Badminton (736844) 5,00 Live Ringthmic Gymnastics (6504) 6,00 Live Tennis (43604) 8,00 Clympic Epit (8081) 8,30 Live Archary (879081) 9,15 Live Equisitarium (18239333) 11,30 Live Arthetics (23420) 12,00 Olympic Special (78550) 12,30mm Table Tennis (39444) 1,00 Live Boding (85024) 3,00 Live Daving (39005) 8,00 Good Morning Atlanta (91598) 5,30 Athetics (85579) 6 00mm Good Moming Atlanta (84064) 7.00

7.00em Inside the PGA Tour (17975) 7.30

7.00pan The Winning Post Doncaster and Selisbury — Line (2959807) 9,00 Boots in Alf (8982771) 10,00 Futbol Mundal (2880081) 10,30 Formula Three Racing (28404401) 11,00-1,00 Golf, Andersan Con-

4.00mm Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Ketz TV 4.30 Morris Cerulio Victor 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Benny Hinrr This is Your Day 6.15 Crefto Dollar Changing Your World 6.45 7.00 Good Morrang Europe

SKY SPORTS

Wresting Superstars (98468) 8.30 Recing News (34178) 9.30 Acrobics (18130) 9.30 The Paylion End (81265) 10.30 ASP Surfing (53994) 11.30 Inside the PGA Tour (23352) 12.00 WDC World Matchpley Darts: Quar-ter-final — Live (89604) 2.00pm European ter-final — Live (89604) 2.00 pea European Golf Scandinevan Masterr — Live (45094) 5.00 Westing — Action Zone (1509) 6.00 Sports Centre (963791) 6.05 Tight Lines (19433) 7.00 WOC World Matchpley Darts: Quarter-finals — Live (8252994) 11.30 Silv Sports Centre (700159) 11.45 Tight Lines (289791) 12.45 em Boots in All (296444) 1.45 Formula Three Racing (265314) 2.15-2.30 Sports Centre (4177078) SKY SPORTS 2

sulting Championship — Rest of the World Round (8545888) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guding Light (5451343) 7.55 As the World Turns (9638371) 8.50 Payton Place (5635284) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5866062) 10.10-11.00 Another World 9.00em The Joy of Painting (7321371) 9.30 Grow Your Own (9343588) 10.00 Next Suiff



Brandon Lee stars in The Crow (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Scornering (5688791) 11.30 Great Sports Vacations (5689420) 12.00 Moving Postpards (2887352) 12.30 pms Coolong in France (8984275) 1.00 Getaway (2961642) 1.30 On Top of the World (1122856) 2.00 Ghost Towns of the Clid West (5911994) 3.00 Globatroffer (2459826) 3.30 Around the World (7677943) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Werlords (5602371) 5.00 Memo-nas of 1982 (2440178) 5.00-7.00 Biogra-

ohy: Dwicht D Eisenhower (5827474)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL Firms, teatures and classes sent series every day from Sem-Zem on cable and tem-Hem, plus 7pm-10pm Monday-Wedneeday, on cateline 1.00am The So; Malion Dollar Man (6)90090) 2.00-4.00 FILM: The Massing Room Service (5930178) 12-00 Jule Chec (7318907) 12-30pm The Frugal Gourmet (9347904) 1,00 Smply Delictous with Farney and Friends (2799772) 1,30 Homes Again with Bob Vita (9346975) 2,00 Our House (5544951) 2,30 Garden Club (9711082) 3,00 Two's Country (4939849) 3,50-4,00 This Old House with Sleve and Morey (4561399)

UK GOLD

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The Bit (7390401) 9.30 The Suffwarts (9345245) 10.00 Bergerac (2717178 11.00
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H-De-Hi (9381194) 2.15 Comradio Dad (9068913) 2.50 Butterfiles (9887772) 3.30
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8,00em Tiny TCC (26246) 7.00 Tiny and Craw (2965)17 7.16 Rosie and Jin (1782)97) 7.30 Greedysaurus and the Geng (2968265) 7.40 10+2 (38727)15/7.50 Robin and Rosie of Coddeshell Bay (387894) 8.00 Barney and Friends (62975) 8.30 Dinobebies (61246) 9.00 Art Attack (8528) 8.30 Byter Grove (99517) 10.00 Heartbreak High (91052) 11.00 Madison (75789) 11.30 Hang Time (75469) 12.00 Degrassi Junior High (85062) 12.30pm Pugwall's Surmer (83333) 1.00 California Dreams (15642) 1.30 Metdown: Cybernet (92604) 2.00 Rescy or Not (2907) 2.30 (926)4) 2.00 Ready or Not (2807) 2.30 Medison (1284) 3.00 Hearthreak High (70284) 4.00 Celliomia Dreams (2535) 4.30-5.00 Byker Grove (1420)

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7.00 Littlest Pet Shop (15617) 7.30 Turties.
(27352) 8.00 Bitter Mice from Men (33449)
8.30 Mignty Mex. (25420) 8.00 Rugrats
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4.00pm Fire on the Rim (6913491) 5.00 Time Travellers (9849343) 5.30 Jurgasica 2 (3416230) 6.00 Bayond 2000 (8355623) 7.00 Wid Throga HumanNature 6446557 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (8266937) 8.00 The Professionals (1752420) 9.00 Driving Passions (5942913) 9.30 Flightline (9367468) 10.00 Classic Wheels (1775371) 17.00-12.00 Born to Run (2718449)

BRAYO 12.00 Robin Hood (7305333) 12.30pm William Tell (93341S0) 1,00 The Buccaneers (2726826) 1,30 Adventures of Sk Langelot

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Teenaged yachtsman and men's tennis pair lift flagging British spirits in Atlanta

Ainslie's hopes of gold left at the start-line

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SAVANNAH

NAIVETY. inexperience or bad luck cost Ben Ainslie the chance of a sailing gold medal here yesterday in the eleventh and last race of the Laser class. left the 19-year-old Briton with a silver medal, after Peer Moberg, of Norway, who needed to win to overtake Ainslie, finished eleventh. After two start recalls for

multiple infringements. Ainslie was fractionally, and unintentionally on his part. sucked over the line in a crowd of boats as thick as Hyde Park Corner in the rush hour. Disqualification was now automatic for each individual across the line before the gun.

a black flag having been raised on the committee's starting boat. Nine were disqualified and sailed back to

In frenzied manoeuvring over three starts, all recalled, against his chief rival, Robert Scheidt, of Brazil, Ainslie had been the more aggressive. The two adopted match race tactics for what was a fleet race, tacking and gybing repeatedly among a turbulent swarm of 56 craft, all from different nations. Ainslie, who had sailed superbly in all but one of the last six races to move into second place, was deter-mined not to let Scheidt, who was also disqualified, out of his clutches. He needed to beat him hy two places vesterday if he was to wrest the gold medal from the leader, who had won

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the previous two races. On the third start, the pair headed for the line on port tack as the seconds ticked away before the gun. It was a dangerous tactic on the part of Scheidt; had he been disqualified and not Ainslie, then any place in the top four would have given Ainslie the title.

As the fleet reassembled for a fourth time on the choppy, shallow seas off the Georgia coast, Ainslie slumped at the helm in tears, his sail flapping aimlessly. Scheidt, assured of the gold medal by his legitimate tactics, sailed across to the British youngster to console him. "Ben put himself in a bad position," Scheidt said. "I

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told him he'd sailed a great regatta, and I was sorry the way it ended." Ainslie admitted that, had

he been able, he would have done the same to the Brazilian. Robert was slightly in front as we came up for the third start," he said. "I particularly needed a good start, I had to keep pace with him, though it was clear there was a danger of going over. Yes, I'd have certainly done the same. It was an easier way for him to beat me than going round the race track again, but I'm happy with a medal at the first npics for the Laser class. I it's a really good achievement

Before each of the starts we were match racing back and forth, but I'm not sure that it achieved much." Except, of course, his disqualification and the certainty of Scheidt's

Ainslie, born in Macclesfield, started sailing at the age of four, and competing at ten. His first international, aged 12. was at the Optimist world championship in Japan, where he finishing 37th. He won the European Open championship this year, having been runner-up in the 1994 1995 world youth

championship. Scheidt, a 23-year-old from São Paulo, has been world champion for the past two vears. For Ainslie to have run him so close was indeed a mark of his class. Lasers are the breeding ground of the yachtsmen of tomorrow. Paul International Yacht Racing Union, who was watching yesterday from close range on the course, said: "Ainslie's performance has been outstanding for one so young."

Although Britain is underfunded, there is general recognition that they have performed well at the Olympic regatta because they have stuck to the old principle, relying on seat-of-the-pants sailing, and instinct, rather than expensive investment on modern technology. The Germans and Americans have spent massive sums but

under-performed. There had been worry yes-terday about how Ainslie might perform after a rest day. Twice previously he had begun badly, finishing 27th in the opening race, and loth in the ninth race after another break. But in the other eight races had had never been below seventh, and had two firsts and four seconds, a steadiness in the second half of the competition even more consistent than Scheidt. To end in such a way was a wretched anti-climax, but his

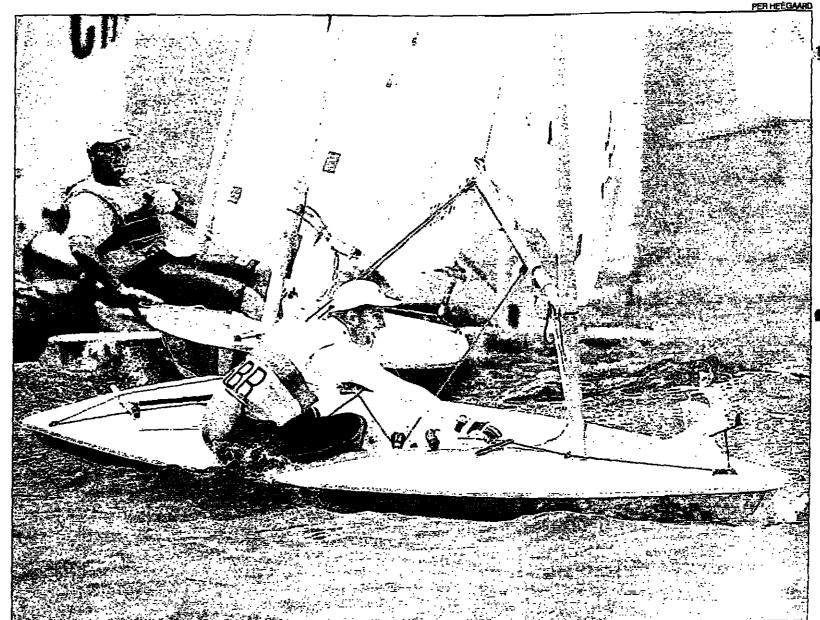
medal is reward enough for what he has achieved so far. Ainslie's compatriots, John Merricks and Ian Walker, saved themselves from slipping out of medal contention in the 470 class with a superb display of power sailing, recovering from seventeenth to second in race ten on Tuesday. This leaves them in the silvermedal position with one race to go today. The destiny of the gold is already settled, however, with the Ukranian pairing of Ihor Matviyenko and Yevhen Braslavets securing the title with a ninth place,

which was enough to save

them sailing again.

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Ainslie held on to the silver medal in the Laser class despite being disqualified at the start of the eleventh and final race yesterday

Duo secure a golden opportunity

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HENMAN and Neil Broad guaranteed Britain a silver medal by reaching the final of the men's tennis doubles yesterday. Broad served two aces in the eighteenthgame of a 58by 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 over Marc-Kevin Göllner and David

Prinosil, of Germany. The match began badly for the Britain pair when Henman twice double-faulted in the opening game to give Germany an immediate lead in defence of the title won by Boris Becker and Michael

Stich in Barcelona in 1992. Henman and Broad came close to levelling at 3-3 when Henman's volley made it 40-30 in the sixth game, but the Germany pair recovered and Göellner clinched the opening set with his powerful service game, sending an ace at

123mph to secure a 6-4 lead. However, the British pair broke Prinosil's service in the second game of the second set, Broad levelled the match at 6-3

with one of his five aces. As the players began to tire in the humid conditions, the serving became more and more influential, the Germans eventually cracking for Henman and Broad to clinch their victory after one hour, 55

The final set went mostly to serve, until Göellner was broken in the seventeenth game. Both the Germany pair made false strokes to put the Britain pairing 40-15 up, and Broad's backhand down the middle took the set score to 9-8 in Britain's favour.

In the final game 29-yearold Broad's powerful serve helped Britain to secure a place in Friday's final.

Henman was particularly eased to gain some revenge for England's semi-final defeat by Germany in the European football championship.
"I think we were reminded that we haven't had a great run against Germany in semifinals, or any luck in two penalty shoot-outs, so maybe

today," he said."We were obviously very pleased to reach the final. We came into the event trying to get a medal, and now we must forget about what's happened and make sure we get the right colour."

Broad, who was horn in Cape Town but whose father from Sunderland, admitted to being nervous when serving to win the match. "I was shaking, I was nervous, but I was positive on my serve. I've been in big matches before, and this obviously is one of the biggest I've played.

"In that final game, Tim told me to go for my serve. And with the second serve he said it was 'pub' point - because I have a pub in my house and it is somewhere to put the medal. We always thought that we could do well if we played

well, and we did play well." The British pair had only played in doubles together once before the Olympics, in a Davis Cup tie against Slovakia, but were doubled-up once more purely for the Games Henman said: "I feel part of

But at the end of the day all the athletes went out and did their best and you can't ask for

being the village and I've had

huge support from the British

Broad gives a boost to Brit-

ain's placing in the medals

table. There've been some

good and bad moments for the

whole team in the Olympics.

The success of Henman and

Olympic Association.

They were given plenty of support by the British contingent in the crowd, with the other members of the team joining in. "I don't know of any specific support for me, but obviously the British people in the crowd have really got behind us and given us good support." Henman

> Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, secured a medal in the

women's singles by heat Jana Novotna, of the Czech Republic. 6-4. 1-6. 6-3 in the semi-

Andre Agassi, the No I seed, lost several arguments with the umpire but won the final four games of his match with Wayne Ferreira, of South Afrivictory.

"I think the tennis was worthy of a gold," Agassi said. "If Wayne was sitting here as the winner. I would probably favor him to win the tournament with the way he was

playing. Agassi advanced to the semi-finals along with three unseeded players - Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, and Lean-der Paes, of India, a wild-card entry who is ranked 120th. Agassi now plays Paes today.

we were owed our close win the Olympic team, especially and their nerve held until Bubka's challenge brought down before it starts

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

and Allen Johnson the 110

metres hurdles another Uni-

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yond 5,40.

LINFORD CHRISTIE breezed through the first round of the Olympic Games 200 metres here yesterday in his first race since he was disqualified for two false starts in the 100 metres final on Saturday. This time it was Sergey Bubka who

left the track prematurely. Bubka, who has set 35 pole vault world records and has been world champion since 1983, came out to compete in the qualifying round but left without taking a jump. He was suffering injuries to both Achilles tendons, one that has been afflicting him since April, the other new. He had hoped he would be able to compete through the pain but, once he put on his spikes, he knew he was beaten.

This is the second successive Olympics in which Bubka, the 1988 champion, has failed to register a height. In the 1992 Barcelona Games, he had two failures at his usual opening height of 5.70 metres and one

He described that moment as "my biggest disappointment, embarrassing,"

Bubka, from Ukraine, is probably the wealthiest athlete in the sport, having commanded top appearance fees since open professionalism was embraced. His sponsor. Nike, pays him \$40,000 (about £26,000) for each world record and he has broken 15 since

For me, it is a big tragedy, Bubka said yesterday. It was a bad day for the family. His final on Friday. Johnson has brother. Vasiliy, no-heighted jumped 5.98 this season. Some weeks ago Christie

Eliminated, too, was Okkert said he would "definitely" not Brits, from South Africa, secbe running in the 200 metres, ond in the world rankings this but changed his tune. He must season behind Bubka. Two other Brits went out, Nick Buckfield, the British record holder, and Neil Winter, the be pleased that he did after Saturday, when his protests held up the race. His mind was back on the job yesterday. Commonwealth champion. He made a good start and, though his time was only both failing to progress beseventeenth fastest of those These are becoming the who progressed into the sec-Johnson games. After Michael ond round, he eased up well Johnson won the 400 metres before the line, recording

20.64sec. Ato Boldon, from Trinidad, the 100 metres bronze medalwinner, who was among those who criticised the Briton for his antics on Saturday, was

the quickest, with 20,28.

Michael Johnson, beginning the second half of his double attempt, won his heat in 20.55 and there were no big casualties as Mike Marsh, the defending champion from the United States, Jeff Williams, his compatriot, and Frankie Fredericks, who defeated Johnson over the distance in Oslo last month, all came through.

It is probably too much to hope that Christie can add to the Great Britain medal count and, at 36 years old and competing in his second event, it is fair to say that he will do well to make the final. It should be remembered, though, that only 17 months ago he set an indoor world

record for 200 metres.



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